

# **OFFICIAL BYLAWS**

## **FLORIDA YOUNG REPUBLICANS**

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## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

### **Section 1 - Name**

- A. The name of this organization shall be the FLORIDA YOUNG REPUBLICANS, hereinafter sometimes referred to as 'the Federation', 'the Organization', 'FLYR', and/or 'FLYRs'.
- B. Upon the board's approval, FLYRs may adopt additional trade names by filing a 'Doing Business As' form with the Florida Secretary of State.

## **ARTICLE II - POWERS & INTENT**

### **Section 1 - Intent**

- A. The purposes of the Federation are:
  - 1. To advance the growth of the Republican Party of Florida through the creation, organization, and promotion of Young Republican Clubs throughout the State of Florida;
  - 2. To provide information exchange among local Clubs, the Federation, the Young Republican National Federation, and the Republican Party of Florida;
  - 3. To provide a standard framework for successful Club organization, financing, and communication for all Federated Clubs;
  - 4. To provide leadership training and other opportunities for growth to the individual members; and
  - 5. To advance a legislative agenda and facilitate legislative advocacy in the interest of Florida Young Republican members.

### **Section 2 - Powers**

- A. The Federation shall have all powers necessary or proper to:
  - 1. Direct, manage and control its business, property, and funds.
  - 2. Furthermore, the FLYR shall have all powers necessary and appropriate to do all things required to accomplish the purposes for which the Federation was organized.
- B. The FLYR shall have exclusive authority, pursuant to 103.081, Florida Statutes, to grant the use of the name "Young Republican" to a chartered club.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1 - Types of Membership**

- A. Each Member of a federated club within the federation must be classified as one of the following:
  - 1. Active Member - An active membership shall be defined as any

individual who is:

- a) At least 18 years of age but not beyond the conclusion of the 1st State Convention that follows their 40th birthday;
  - b) A registered Republican;
  - c) A citizen of the United States of America, American National, or legal permanent resident;
  - d) Signed an application for membership in a chartered club; and
  - e) Paid the chartered club's dues in the last year.
2. Associate Member - Any person not meeting the qualifications for Active Membership may become an Associate Member.
  - a) Associate Members have all rights and privileges of membership in the Federation and those granted by the Club except:
    - (1) Associate Members may not be voting members; and
    - (2) Associate Members may not hold leadership/officer positions
  - b) Dues for Associate Members shall not be paid to the Federation.
3. Honorary Member - Federated Clubs may establish standards for granting Honorary Memberships.
  - a) An Honorary Member may also be an Active Member if they meet the requirements for Active Membership in the Federation and the Club.
  - b) Honorary Members who are not Active Members shall have all rights and privileges of membership in the Federation and those granted by the Club in which they are a member but may not vote or serve as an Officer, Delegate, or Alternate Delegate to the Federation.
  - c) Dues for Honorary Members shall be paid to the Federation only if the member is also an Active Member.
- B. The Federation as a whole may allow persons who cannot join or form a Federated Club to become an "At-Large Member".
  - a) At-Large Members shall be residents of an unchartered County and who do not elect to join a neighboring county's Young-Republican Club, or where it would be prohibited to join a near-by Federated Club.
  - b) An At-Large Member Shall be classified as an Active \ Member and is entitled to all other rights and privileges of such membership.
- C. The Federation shall permit Dual Membership, which is defined as a person who retains Membership in two or more Federated Clubs.
  1. A Dual Member is responsible for paying the required annual dues of all Clubs of which they are a Member, as defined by federated club bylaws.
  2. Dual Members shall, within 10 days of joining more than one Federated

Club, Notify the Region Chairman and each club of which they are a member:

- a) of their membership in other federated clubs, and
  - b) their selection of a Home Club.
3. For credentialing purposes, the federated club to which the Dual Member has designated as their 'Home Club' will be the club they can represent at the convention for voting and candidate purposes.
- a) Only the club claiming the member for purposes of credentialing shall be required to remit dues as required in Article IV, Section 2.

## Section 2. Member Dispute Resolution

- A. Any individual or group with grievances, who shall be referred to as the complainant, regarding an FLYR Member(s), referred to as the respondent(s), may submit a written grievance to the Chair and Secretary. The grievance must include the factual basis for the complaint and the desired remedy.
- 1. Upon receipt, the Secretary will distribute the grievance, in writing, to all Board members and to the respondent(s).
    - a) For urgent matters, the Chair may call an emergency meeting of the Board in executive session, else it will be addressed in the next scheduled Board meeting.
    - b) Any matters that are allegations of illegal activity shall be deferred to the appropriate authorities.
    - c) The Board may also defer the matter to a Federated Club and review their process and decision to determine sufficiency.
  - 2. The Board shall first attempt to conduct a mediation upon mutual consent from the complainant and respondent(s).
    - a) If no reasonable determination can be reached by mediation, or if either the complainant or respondent(s) refuse mediation, then the matter will be handled as a Hearing where all relevant individuals can present their case and the Board will then confer and provide a written decision.
  - 3. The Hearing shall occur as business within the FLYR Executive Board meeting, following Robert's Rules of Order, and with the complainant and respondent(s) present.
    - a) The written grievance shall be read, and the respondent(s) plead guilty or not guilty. If they plead not guilty, opening statements, witness presentations, rebuttals, and closing arguments follow.
    - b) The complainant and respondent(s) shall then leave the meeting, and the Board will discuss and vote on whether or not the respondent(s) are guilty of the grievance accused. The penalty is then determined, and the accused is informed.
    - c) If the penalty requires expulsion, the Board must make this

recommendation to the Executive Committee which shall be decided according to Section 3 of this Article.

- d) Penalties of suspension cannot last longer than 6 months
  - e) Penalties cannot entail a financial fine
  - f) If the penalty requires the removal of an Elected FLYR Officer, the process as defined in Article V Section 7 of these bylaws must be adhered to prior to any sanctions issued by this process.
- B. FLYR Members who are called as complainants, respondents, or witnesses must correspond in a timely manner with the Board regarding any Member Dispute process for which they are involved.
- 1. Failure to adhere to this bylaw may yield sanctions as decided by the Board or recommendation to the Executive Committee for expulsion.
- C. Board members should not discuss Member Disputes individually. In cases of personal involvement or potential bias, Board Members must recuse themselves.
- 1. A Task Force of at least (5) members may be formed and approved by the Board if the members of the Board are unable to make an impartial decision.
    - a) The Task Force will conduct proceedings pursuant to this Section
    - b) The Executive Board will have the authority to either approve the final action of the task force or request a reconsideration if the Board finds there is material reason to do so.
- D. In the event that the Executive Board finds a fair and impartial decision cannot be reached, they may decide by majority vote that the matter be handled by the YRNF.

### Section 3. Expulsion of Members

- A. The FLYR Executive Committee may, by a three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote, expel an individual member for due cause.
- 1. Good cause shall include, but not be limited to failing or ceasing to perform the duties of the office, or ceasing to be a Member of the Federation.
- B. Any two voting Executive Committee Members may propose the expulsion of any Member by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Expulsion.
- 1. The Chairman shall place the expulsion proceedings on the agenda of the first Executive Committee meeting to occur more than twelve days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Expulsion and shall notify the Secretary.
  - 2. The Secretary shall send written notice of expulsion to the Member under consideration.
    - a) The notice of the expulsion proceedings shall be sent by certified mail or electronically, read receipts required.
    - b) The notice of expulsion proceedings shall be transmitted at least ten days before the meeting.

- c) Said notice shall include the grounds for expulsion and the time and place of the meeting at which expulsion is to be considered.
  - d) The Member shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which expulsion is considered.
- C. A Member who has been expelled is not eligible for any kind of membership, but a Member may be reinstated by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the FLYR Executive Committee or by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the delegates at the FLYR State Convention.
  - 1. A Member may not be considered for reinstatement for a minimum of two (2) years after their expulsion.

## **ARTICLE IV - CHARTERED FEDERATED CLUBS**

### **Section 1 - Eligibility**

- A. Membership in this organization shall be open to any group in the State of Florida, comprised of 10 or more Young Republicans who meet the requirements for Active Membership as outlined in Article III, Section 1(A), that:
  - 1. Pays the annual dues to the Federation;
    - a) This option may be waived at the Board's discretion in lieu of a financial audit to be provided to the FLYR Executive Committee within 180 days of chartering with the FLYR.
  - 2. Provides a Constitution and/or Bylaws which are not in conflict with those of the Federation;
    - a) This stipulation shall be deemed completed if the Applicant Club:
      - (1) Passes a Model Constitution/Bylaws
      - (2) Has its Constitution and Bylaws approved by the FLYRs Executive Board by a simple-majority vote.
  - 3. Signs an agreement acknowledging the name 'Young Republicans' is the intellectual property of the Florida Young Republicans and the Young Republican National Federation.
- B. No group that has had their charter revoked may be eligible to charter with the Federation unless reinstated according to the procedures outlined in Section 3.G of this Article.

### **Section 2. Application for Charter and Granting of New Charters**

- A. Any person or group of people that wish to apply to charter a federated club may apply to the FLYR Executive Board.
- B. The application shall consist of:
  - 1. a copy of the applicant club's governing document(s), signed by the applicant club's president and secretary;
  - 2. a list of names, full addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and

dates of birth for each officer and member;

3. FLYR dues in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for each active member of the applicant club; and
  - a) In lieu of submission of dues, the Board shall accept a Financial Audit Report that demonstrates the applicant club holds a monetary amount greater than or equal to \$5.00 for each active member in their club bank account.
    - (1) The applicant club must provide the Financial Audit Report to the executive board within 180 days of being granted a charter.
    - (2) This option may only be exercised for newly chartered clubs or for all clubs within a given calendar year subject to approval by the Executive Board.
    - (3) The maximum amount due for a Federated Club's annual dues shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
4. a Statement by the club's president and secretary attesting to each active member's Republican Party Registration.
5. An Agreement acknowledging the name 'Young Republicans' is the intellectual property of the Florida Young Republicans and the Young Republican National Federation
6. Verification documents that the applicant club has registered with the Florida Division of Corporations as a Non Profit Corporation and that they have completed the proper filing with the Internal Revenue Service to operate as a non-profit
  - a) Notwithstanding the foregoing or any term in these Bylaws to the contrary, The FLYRs expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever arising under any theory of liability, including but not limited to, violations of the pertinent state and/or federal tax codes and/or regulations that may have been violated by an applicant club or a Federated Club. Moreover, the FLYRs direct each applicant and/or Federated Club to undertake any and all commercially reasonable efforts to ensure their compliance with the aforementioned applicable state and/or federal tax codes and/or regulations.
- C. Once a completed application has been received by the Executive Board, the Chairman shall schedule an Executive Board vote on the application at the next regularly scheduled Executive Board Meeting
  1. Prior to a vote of approval from the Executive Board, the applicants may hold meetings and use pre-approved standardized forms provided by the FLYR Director of Club Development.
- D. Upon a simple-majority vote of the Executive Board in favor of granting a charter to the applicant club, the club is a duly-chartered member of the FLYR.

### Section 3. Minimum Requirements for Clubs to Remain Members of the Federation

- A. In order for a Federated Club to remain chartered with the organization, the club must, at a minimum, meet the requirements outlined in this section.
- B. Federated Clubs shall only be chartered with this organization, the Florida Young Republicans. Dual Chartering is Prohibited except where a FLYR club is seeking to dual charter with the Florida Young Republicans and the Florida College Republicans.
  - 1. Any violation of this requirement shall result in immediate Revocation of Charter without opportunity to appeal.
- C. Each Club's Governing Documents (whether a Constitution, Bylaws or both) shall provide for elections of officers.
  - 1. Election of Officers must be held biennially (every two years) or annually (every year) at defined times per the bylaws of the club.
  - 2. Elections must be announced to the FLYRs at least thirty (30) days prior to the elections taking place
  - 3. Each Club must allow for an Outside Observer to attend their elections.
    - a) An Outside Observer, for the purposes of this section, shall include at least one member of the FLYRs Executive Board, or at least one member of the FLYRs Executive Committee who does not reside in the same Region as the Club holding elections.
  - 4. Each Club must, no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the certification of the results of their elections, send notice via electronic mail to the FLYRs Executive Board of the election results.
    - a) This notice must include the new officers Names, Positions, and Contact Information.
- D. Each club shall hold, at minimum, four (4) meetings per year.
  - 1. This shall include one Business Meeting Per Year containing a Budget and an Annual Report on the State of the Club.
- E. Each Club shall update their membership roster and share it with the Secretary or their designee at least once annually by or before the end of February 28th of each calendar year (or, no later than February 29th during leap years).
  - 1. Shared reports will be used for informational purposes, with the exception of the Annual Submission as defined in Article VII Section 4.B, which shall also be used to determine if a Federated Club meets the minimum threshold for membership as required in Section 1 of this Article.
- F. If any club fails to meet the requirements stated in this section, the club



shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

1. Immediate Removal of Officers of the Club, and a Call to Elections within sixty (60) days to be administered by the FLYR Executive Board
  2. Submission of new Governing Documents which are in compliance with this section
  3. Revocation of Charter
- G. Clubs who are aware of potential non-compliance with the minimum threshold for membership as required in Section 1 of this Article, may elect to follow the process for Voluntary Dissolution as outlined in Section 5 of this article, by notifying the chair of the credentialing committee by no later than January 31st.

#### Section 4. Revocation of Charter by FLYR Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee may, by a three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote, revoke the charter of any Federated Club for good cause.
- B. "Good cause" as used in this Section shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  1. Failing to fulfill the Annual submission deadline as delineated in Article VII, Section 4 of these bylaws.
  2. Other conduct which is in violation of these Bylaws or which is detrimental to the welfare of the Federation or the Republican Party.
- C. Any two voting Executive Board Members may propose the revocation of the charter of any Federated Club by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Revocation of Club Charter.
- D. The Chairman shall place revocation proceedings on the agenda of the first Executive Committee meeting to occur more than 35 days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Expulsion and shall notify the Secretary.
- E. The Secretary shall send written notice of revocation of charter to the President of the Club under consideration.
  1. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail and by any other means likely to reach the President of said Club and be transmitted at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.
  2. Said notice shall include the grounds for revocation as well as the time and place of the meeting at which the revocation is to be considered.
- F. The Club shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which expulsion is to be considered.
- G. The charter of any Club may be reinstated by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the Executive Committee or by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the delegates at the FLYRs State Convention.
- H. Members of a Club whose charter is revoked may become At-Large Members or members of another Federated Club by signing an attestation that they no

longer maintain membership within the entity whose charter was revoked. These individuals will not be eligible to be founding members of a new charter unless approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the Executive Committee or by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the delegates at the FLYRs State Convention.

1. This applies to the general membership. Officers of a Federated Club whose charter is revoked must abide by the process outlined in Section 5 of this article in order to maintain membership in the FLYR or in another Federated Club.
- I. In lieu of revocation, the Executive Committee may use the procedure listed above to consider and levy disciplinary action towards a Federated Club
  1. Such action alternative to revocation shall be:
    - a) Suspensions
    - b) Inability to attend FLYR functions or events
    - c) Limitations on operational capacities
    - d) Mandate Corrective Action to be performed by Club and / or Club Leadership
    - e) Imposing of extra duties
    - f) Probationary period
    - g) Peer mentoring / Mediation
- J. It is the intent of this Section to be a last resort measure to be implemented after good faith efforts to diplomatically resolve issues with the Federated Club.

#### Section 5. Voluntary Surrender of Charter

- A. A Federated Club may surrender its charter and revoke its affiliation with the FLYRs by providing written notice to the FLYRs Chairman.
  1. Notice from the Federated Club seeking voluntary shall include the following:
    - a) Signatures from all Officers listed on the most recent roster that was submitted to the FLYRs affirming the decision to surrender the club's charter;
    - b) Agreement (in writing) to discontinue the use of any form of the name Young Republican in any and all communication formats and entity documents upon its departure from the Federation, as agreed to upon chartering as described in Section 1 of this article.
- B. The Chairman shall transmit said notice to all members of the Executive Board, which shall accept the revocation by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote in favor.

#### Section 6. Charter Dissolution Process

- A. Clubs who voluntarily surrender their charter, have their charter revoked, or fail to meet the minimum requirements for maintaining a Federated Club, have the following options:

1. Continue operation under incorporated entity with name change to exclude the use of “Republicans”, “Young Republicans”, or any likeness to these brands which would give one the impression of association with the FLYR, YRNF, and Republican Party of Florida.
  - a) If this option is selected, then any officer listed under the incorporated entity will permanently be barred from membership within the FLYR unless they later elect to dissolve the entity as described below.
2. Dissolution of incorporated entity
  - a) The Club shall Surrender to the Florida Young Republicans, the following:
    - (1) The Club Treasurer shall work in tandem with the FLYR Treasurer to surrender all club financial assets
      - i) This may occur after allocating funds towards the costs of dissolution if any are applicable.
    - (2) The club shall surrender all social media, email, and any other electronic/intellectual property assets to the FLYR Secretary.
    - (3) The club shall work in tandem with their Regional Representative to transfer all Membership Records and Documents to the FLYR’s Director of Club Development.
    - (4) All existing members of the formerly chartered club may elect to follow the process outlined in section 3.H of this Article to become at large members of the FLYR after the dissolution process is complete.
- B. Clubs who voluntarily surrender their charter must follow the process as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.
  1. Clubs who voluntarily surrender their charter shall also have the option to merge with another adjacent FLYR Club so long as the adjacent club is within the same region.
    - a) A club merger may only take place with another chartered FLYR Club which is in an adjacent county to the club wishing to surrender its charter.
    - b) The club president of the chartered adjacent club shall notify the FLYR Executive Board of a merger agreement with a chartered club in a neighboring county.
    - c) The Region Representative shall oversee the transfer of all Financial, Electronic, Intellectual Property, and Membership assets to the newly-merged club.

## Section 7. Formation of Clubs from At-Large Members

- A. Once there are ten (10) At-Large Members from the same County, they may form a Federated Club within ninety (90) days, or take a vote annually to not form a club, or their at-large status will be revoked and they will no longer be Members of the Federation.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

### Section 1 - Elected Officers

- A. The elected officers of the Executive Board shall work in conjunction with the Chair, serving under the Chairman's direction.
- B. Elected officials of the Executive Board are authorized to work independently within the scope of their duties to:
  - 1. Support the Chairman's agenda.
  - 2. Take initiative to promote and fulfill the Federation's vision and mission.
  - 3. Contribute to the achievement of the current administration's goals and objectives.
- C. Within the first 90 days of their term, the Executive Board shall produce and present to the Executive Committee:
  - 1. The administration's plans and agenda.
  - 2. Objectives and goals aligned with the Federation's vision and mission.

Section 2 Duties of Elected Officers - The Elected Officers of the Federation shall consist of the following:

- A. Chairman
  - 1. The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Federation.
  - 2. The Chairman shall be deemed to be an ex-officio member of all Committees, including the Convention Committees.
  - 3. The powers and duties of the Chairman shall include but not be limited to the following:
    - a) To supervise and coordinate the activities of the Federation in conjunction with the Board;
    - b) To appoint committees and members of those committees with advice and consent of the board;
    - c) To create or terminate official non-elected offices and appoint persons to such positions with advice and consent of the board;
    - d) To set the initial agenda for meetings, and to preside at all meetings of the Board, The Executive Committee, and the State Convention;
    - e) To bestow honors, subject to the powers and duties of the Awards Committee;
    - f) To issue the call to the State Convention;
    - g) To call, give proper notice of, set the agenda for, and preside at

- not fewer than six Board meetings each year;
- h) Appoint Regional Directors with the advice of the Regional Clubs and consent of the board;
- i) To propose an annual budget no later than one (1) month prior to the FLYR Fall Meeting;
- j) To represent the FLYRs at, and serve as the FLYRs Liaison to, the Republican Party of Florida and State Executive Committee; and
- k) To conduct all other business pertaining to the operations of the FLYRs subject to the oversight of the Executive Board.

B. Vice Chairman

1. The Vice Chairman shall:
  - a) perform such duties as the Chairman shall designate;
  - b) in the absence of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman; and
  - c) appoint and direct, with advice and consent of the board, liaisons between the Federation and other Republican auxiliary organizations.

C. Treasurer.

1. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Federation under the supervision and control of the Board;
2. The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records of the Federation, including but not limited to an annual budget.
  - a) Funds designated for certain line items not spent within the fiscal year return to the general treasury.
3. The Treasurer shall conduct a biennial audit upon the beginning of each term of office.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain a checking account on behalf of the Federation
  - a) The Treasurer may establish additional accounts as needed.
  - b) For any account maintained by the Federation, both the Treasurer and the Chairman must be signatories; however, only one signature is required to issue checks.
  - c) The Treasurer can only issue checks for items delineated in the budget and those items necessarily and properly required to purchase or obtain delineated items.
  - d) All requests for reimbursement for expenditures by Board Members or other Members must be submitted within the timeframe set by the Executive Board when a budget is approved. Itemized receipts are required when available.
5. The Treasurer shall submit written reports at all regularly called meetings of the Chairman.
6. The Treasurer shall submit a written report to the annual State

Convention prior to the election of Officers.

7. The Treasurer may appoint assistants if necessary and desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office.
  - a) Appointments under this item shall require advice and consent of the Executive Board.
8. The Treasurer shall not be allowed to serve or affiliate with the FLYRs PAC at any time in order to ensure segregation of entities.
9. The treasurer is required to submit required documentation on a yearly basis with the IRS (Organization Type 527 – Political Non-Profit) and to the state of Florida (Franchise Tax).
10. The Treasurer shall form and serve as the chairman of a Finance Committee.

D. Secretary

1. The Secretary shall:
  - a) record the votes and minutes of all proceedings of the Federation;
  - b) maintain a roster of Federated clubs and their members;
  - c) shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Chairman; and
  - d) The Secretary may appoint assistants if necessary and desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office.

E. National Committeeman

1. The National Committeeman shall represent the Federation at meetings of the Young Republican National Federation and report information to the Board.
2. The National Committeeman shall represent the FLYRs at, and serve as the FLYRs Liaison to, the Republican Party of Florida and State Executive Committee.
3. The National Committeeman shall be a biological male.
4. The National Committeeman shall be subject to a recall vote should they miss more than 2 consecutive YRNF events without designating a proxy at which their attendance is mandatory per the YRNF bylaws.

F. National Committeewoman

1. The National Committeewoman shall represent the Federation, along with the Chairman, at meetings of the Young Republican National Federation and report information to the Board.
2. The National Committeewoman shall represent the FLYRs at, and serve as the FLYRs Liaison to, the Republican Party of Florida and State Executive Committee.
3. The National Committeewoman shall be a biological female.
4. The National Committeewoman shall be subject to a recall vote should they miss more than 2 consecutive YRNF events without designating a

proxy at which their attendance is mandatory per the YRNF bylaws.

G. Director of Club Development

1. The Director of Club Development shall be voted on by only the Presidents of the chartered clubs, and shall serve as the Chairman of the Presidents Association.
2. The Director of Club Development shall be charged with the duty of developing new Clubs in accordance with these bylaws and designing a program to assist existing Clubs in the Federation under the control and supervision of the Board.
3. The Director of Club Development shall liaise with Regional representatives, who shall serve as regional directors for club development, to support the growth of Federated Clubs and to encourage regular engagement with At-Large members within each Region.

Section 3 - Elections, Terms, and Limits of Office

A. Elections for Elected Officers shall be conducted biennially at the State Annual Convention that is held in odd-numbered years.

1. The elections shall be presided over by an individual not currently serving or running for an elected office of the FLRY, approved by a majority vote of the Board prior to the convention.
  - a) The individual selected to preside over the election must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Delegates prior to proceeding with the election process.
2. A minimum of two (2) Tellers and one (1) sergeant at arms must be nominated and approved by the delegates at convention
3. Officers shall be elected in the order each office is listed in this Article.
4. Those wishing to be nominated for an elected office must be nominated and seconded by delegates who are from a different Home Club.
  - a) Nominations cannot be reopened once elections begin.
5. In order for a candidate to be elected to an office, they must receive the most votes of all candidates running for that office.
  - a) In the event of an election proceeding where two or more candidates tie for the most votes, the election process shall repeat exclusively for those who tied for the most votes.
  - b) Candidates may seek positions down the ballot if unsuccessful in their top of ballot race.
6. Elections for office shall include an allotted speaking time for each candidate, the length of which shall be determined by the process defined in Article IX Section 4, B.

B. Officer terms shall begin at the close of the convention in which they are

elected, and shall end at the close of the following convention where officers are elected.

- C. Consecutive Terms: No elected officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. After serving two consecutive terms, an individual may be eligible to run for the same position again after one full term has elapsed.
- 1. This term limit policy shall go into effect upon the annual convention of 2025 and shall not apply retroactively to any Executive Board officer elected or appointed before then.
- 2. This bylaw shall not be enforced in an uncontested race.

#### Section 4 - Other Limitations on Holding Elected Office

- A. Subject to the other provisions of this Section, any Active Member of a Federated Club which was chartered at least 90 days prior to the opening of the convention at which elections are held, who has been an Active Member for at least 6 months, may run for an elected office.
  - 1. If an At-large member desires to run for an elected state office they must have been an active member for at least one (1) calendar year prior to the date of election.
- B. No more than three Elected Officers shall be elected from the Same Club.
- C. No person may hold two elected state offices simultaneously.
- D. No person shall serve simultaneously as Chairman of the Federation and as President of a Federated Club.
  - 1. This stipulation shall not preclude a person holding the office of President of a Federated Club from running for Chairman. However, before accepting the position of Chairman, either by election or by succession, a person must resign his or her position as President of a Federated Club effective within thirty days following election or succession.
    - a) This stipulation shall apply beginning with the first elections after the ratification of this document.
- E. A sitting Chairman shall not run for the office of President of a Federated Club for a term which would begin before the natural expiration of his or her term as Chairman without first resigning his or her position as Chairman.
- F. No elected officer shall receive salary or wages for services provided in his or her capacity as an officer of the Federation.

#### Section 5 - Non-Elected Officers

- A. The unpaid, non-elected Officers of the Federation shall consist of:
  - 1. The immediate past Chairman of the Federation.
  - 2. The following unpaid, appointed positions:
    - a) Fundraising Director



b) General Counsel

(1) The General Counsel shall serve as the legal representative of the Federation.

c) Parliamentarian

d) Chaplain

e) Regional Directors

f) Political Director

(1) The Political Director shall, under the direction and supervision of the Chairman, coordinate the Federation's campaign support activities and operations in order to assist Republican candidates at the local, state, and federal levels of government.

(2) The Political Director shall establish and preside over a campaign committee.

(3) The Political Director shall identify, act as a resource to, and assist Young Republican members running for public office.

(4) The Political Director shall perform other duties as directed by the Chairman.

g) Policy Director

(1) The Policy Director shall be responsible for drafting policy statements and talking points, and other items under the direction of the Chairman and in consultation with the Board.

(2) The Policy Director may form a committee if necessary or desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office.

(3) Neither the Policy Director nor the Policy Committee may make an official statement on behalf of FLYRs which directly contradicts the FLYRs Platform.

3. Executive Director

a) By default, the Executive Director shall be an unpaid position.

(1) The Executive Committee, by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote in favor, may make the Executive Director a paid position.

b) When an executive director is appointed, the chairman shall define their purpose, scope of powers, and duration for a term of no more than 2 years

B. All non-elected officer appointments shall be made by the Chairman, subject to confirmation by simple-majority vote of the Executive Board.

1. All paid, non-elected officer appointments shall require a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote in favor of confirmation by the Executive Board.

2. Unpaid officers shall hold temporary title to the office until being

approved or disapproved by the Executive Board.

- C. All Non-Elected Officers of the Federation shall be Non-Voting Members of the Executive Board.
- D. All Non-Elected Officers' terms shall expire at each biennial state convention when elections are held, unless reappointed by the newly elected Chairman, and confirmed by the Executive Board as defined above in this Article.

#### Section 6 - Vacancies

- A. An office may be declared vacant by the Chairman if:
  - 1. The Officer holding the office is absent, without excuse, from three or more meetings of the Board, provided that such officeholder may be reinstated for good cause upon the vote of a simple majority of the Board at the next Board Meeting.
    - a) To qualify for an excused absence, an Executive Board Member shall submit to the Chairman, either in writing or by phone call, a notice of absence at least 48 hours prior to the meeting where the member will be absent.
      - (1) The Chairman will notify the board and, upon a simple-majority vote in favor of acceptance of the request, the board shall declare the absence 'Excused'.
      - (2) Examples of Excused absences shall include, but not be limited to:
        - (a) Bereavement
        - (b) Medical/Family Emergency
        - (c) Conflict with Employment
        - (d) Conflict with other Republican Events
  - 2. No eligible candidate be elected to that office;
- B. If an office is vacant, that office shall not be considered when determining a quorum of Elected Officers.
- C. If any elected office becomes vacant for any reason, the Chairman may appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, who will hold temporary office subject to two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) approval by the executive committee.
- D. If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties and title of that office for the remainder of the current term, and, in the role of Chairman, shall fill the vacancy in the office of Vice-Chairman, subject to approval by the Executive Committee in the process outlined in Item D. of this Section.
- E. If the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman become vacant simultaneously for any reason, the Treasurer shall assume the duties and title of the office of the Chairman and shall fill the vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer in the process outlined in Item D. of this Section.

- F. If the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer become vacant simultaneously for any reason, the Secretary shall assume the duties and title of the office of the Chairman and shall fill the vacancy in the offices of Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary outlined in Item D. of this Section.
- G. Should the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary become vacant simultaneously for any reason, the Chairman of the President's Council shall assume the role of Acting Chairman, and immediately call for an emergency convention and elections, to be held within sixty (60) days of assuming the office of Acting Chairman.
- H. If any non-elected office becomes vacant for any reason, the Chairman may fill the vacancy, subject to the appointment process defined in Section 5.B of this Article.

#### Section 7 - Removal of Elected Officers

- A. The Executive Board may, by a vote in favor of three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the Executive Board remove an Elected Officer from office for good cause.
  - 1. Good cause shall include, but not be limited to failing or ceasing to perform the duties of the office, or ceasing to be a Member of the Federation.
  - 2. The Chairman or any two voting Executive Board Members may propose the removal of any Elected Officer by delivering to the Chairman written Calls for Removal from Office.
  - 3. The Chairman shall place the removal proceedings on the agenda of the first Board meeting to occur more than 35 days after receipt of sufficient Calls for Removal from Office and shall notify the Secretary.
  - 4. The Secretary shall send written notice of removal from office to the Officer under consideration.
  - 5. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail and by any other means likely to reach said Elected Officer and be transmitted at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.
  - 6. Said notice shall include the grounds for removal as well as the time and place of the meeting at which removal is to be considered.
  - 7. The Officer shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which removal is to be considered.
- B. The Association of Club Presidents, as defined in Article X Section 11, shall have the authority to remove any FLYR officer from office for just cause.
  - 1. Just cause shall include, but not be limited to:
    - a) failing or ceasing to perform the duties of the office;
    - b) ceasing to be a Member of the Federation;
    - c) being charged with a crime during his or her term;
    - d) discovered to have a prior conviction which would preclude him or her from registering to vote in the State of Florida;

- e) abuse of power;
  - f) support of a non-Republican candidate in an election where there is a duly-qualified Republican in the race, and;
  - g) actions that would bring disrepute onto the Republican Party of Florida and/or the Florida Young Republicans.
2. The process for removal shall require that a Petition of Removal, signed by at least one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Club Presidents, be submitted to the Chair of the Association of Club Presidents.
  3. Upon receipt of the submission, the Chair of the Association of Club Presidents shall forward the Petition to all involved parties via Certified Mail, UPS/FedEx, and/or Email with proof of delivery required.
  4. The officer(s) named in the petition may submit a written response to the charges to the Association of Club Presidents within at least twenty (20) days of receipt of the petition.
  5. Within (30) days of the receipt of the petition, the Association of Club Presidents must vote to remove the accused officer, with a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote in favor of the President's Council to be required for removal.
  6. Additionally, the officer(s) named in the petition shall be summarily suspended, relieved of all duties, and denied access to all FLYR property pending the outcome of the motion to remove.
  7. Any removals or suspensions shall create a vacancy, to be filled via the process outlined in Section 5(B) of this Article.

#### Section 8 - Removal of Non-Elected Officers

- A. The chairman may remove any non-elected officers from office, except for Chairman-Emeritus , with advice and consent of the Executive Board.

#### Section 9 - Transition of Power

- A. The Transition of Power from the outgoing administration to the new administration shall be conducted with transparency, efficiency, and cooperation to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities.
- B. The transition period shall officially begin immediately following the announcement of the election results at the convention.
- C. The outgoing Executive Board shall compile and provide a comprehensive report detailing the current status of FLYRs, including financial records, ongoing projects, and any pending matters.
- D. The outgoing Chairman shall conduct an exit interview with the incoming Chairman, offering insights, recommendations, and addressing any questions.
- E. All official FLYRs documents, records, and communication channels shall be transferred to the incoming administration.
- F. A formal handover shall take place upon conclusion of the State Convention where elections take place to symbolize the official transfer of responsibilities.

## **ARTICLE VI - FLYR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 1 - Function and Powers**

- A. The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Federation except when the State Convention is in Session.
- B. The Executive Committee shall have the power to:
  - 1. Review and approve all minutes of the Executive Board; and
  - 2. Authorize an independent audit at any time
  - 3. By simple majority vote, modify or reverse any action taken by the Executive Board.
- C. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the management of all activities of the federation, subject to the other requirements of this document.
  - 1. The Executive Board shall have all powers necessary to carry out these duties; and shall
  - 2. Approve initial chartering of new Clubs.
- D. The Executive Board shall meet no less than six (6) times per year.
- E. The Executive Committee shall meet no less than three (3) times per year at in-person meetings conducted at the Spring Meeting, State Convention, and Fall Meeting.

### **Section 2 - Executive Board Members**

- A. The voting members of the Executive Board ("the Board") shall be the elected officers of the federation.
  - 1. The Board may approve amendments to the previously approved annual budget.
  - 2. The Board shall regularly review The administration's plans and agenda and amend it as necessary to achieve the Federation's objectives and goals.

### **Section 3 - Executive Committee Members**

- A. The voting members of the Executive Committee shall be the elected Officers of the Federation, the Presidents of the Federated Clubs, Fundraising Director, General Counsel, Regional Representatives and Political Director.
  - 1. No person may cast more than one vote on the Executive Committee.
  - 2. A person entitled to more than one vote by virtue of being an Elected Officer and a Club President may issue a proxy for the Club President vote according to the proxy guidelines of this document in order for the vote to be cast.
- B. The Executive Committee may approve the Chairman's proposed annual budget by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote.
- C. The ex-officio members of the Executive Committee shall be all officers of the Federation who are not voting members as defined above, as well as any members of the YRNF National Committee who reside in the State of Florida.

- D. The Chairs of the High School and College Young Republicans shall be non voting members of the Executive Committee.
  - 1. In the event of multiple high school and college YR organizations, the FLYR shall recognize only the chairs who are recognized by the RPOF.
- E. All Executive Committee members are required to attend meetings. In the event of unavoidable absence, members must provide at least 48 hours advance notice to the Chairman or the Secretary.
  - 1. Members of the Executive Committee who accrue two unexcused absences in between odd-year State Conventions will forfeit their voting rights on the Executive Committee until the next election of FLYR Officers, unless reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
  - 2. Excused absences will be approved by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### Section 4 - Open Meetings

- A. The meetings of the Board and Executive Committee shall be open to all Members of the Federation.
- B. The meetings of the Executive Committee held in executive session shall be open to only those members of the Executive Committee and their proxies.
- C. The meetings of the Executive Board held in executive session shall be open to only those members of the Board.

#### Section 5 - Quorum

- A. A quorum for all meetings of the Executive Board shall be fifty percent (50%) +1 of the total active and voting members of the Executive Board.
- B. A quorum for all meetings of the Executive Committee Shall be fifty percent (50%) + 1 of the total active and voting members of the Executive Committee, including proxies.

#### Section 6 - Call and Notice

- A. The Chairman or at least one third of voting members of the Executive Committee or Board shall have the right to call a meeting of the Executive Committee or Board, respectively. The meeting may be called in person, by conference call, or any other electronic means approved by the corresponding Board or Committee .
  - 1. No less than five days' notice thereof to all voting members of the Committee or Board shall be required for all calls to any meeting of the Executive Committee or Executive Board, respectively.
  - 2. Notice shall include the initial agenda for the meeting.
- B. Such notice may be waived by the approval of each voting member who did not receive such notice.

#### Section 7 - Executive Action by the Chairman

- A. It is the intent of this section to outline scenarios where the Chairman may take action on behalf of the FLYRs prior to Board or Executive Committee approval as defined above:
  - 1. The Florida Young Republicans Chairman, as the chief executive officer of the Federation, is granted the authority to issue operational policies and procedures in the form of Executive Orders.
    - a) The Chairman shall issue the executive order by sending it in writing to the Executive Committee, who shall furnish the order to the Federation membership.
    - b) Executive Orders issued by the Chairman shall be considered binding operational policies and procedures for the duration specified within each order.
    - c) Executive Orders serve as operational mechanisms and are not authoritative directives that supersede these bylaw.
    - d) The Executive Board is empowered to enforce the operational policies and procedures as outlined in Executive Orders. Compliance with these policies shall be mandatory for all members and affiliated entities of the Federation.
    - e) The Board may veto any executive order made by the Chairman with a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote.
    - f) A record of all Executive Orders shall be maintained by the Secretary and made accessible to all members.

## **ARTICLE VII - STATE CONVENTIONS**

### **Section 1 - Date of Convention**

- A. The Annual Convention of the Federation shall be held each year, during the period from April 1 - June 30 (the second Quarter).
  - 1. The location of the State Convention shall be approved by the Executive Committee by no later than the Fall Quarterly Meeting.
  - 2. In the case of an emergency, the Executive Committee can waive the bid deadline requirement for clubs hosting Convention.
- B. The Board shall establish the precise date(s) of the convention and notify all Federated Clubs of the same no later than ninety (90) days prior to the convention date.

### **Section 2 - Logistics**

- A. The selection of a site for the Annual convention shall be completed prior to the selection of dates as delineated in Section 1 of this article, and shall be subject to the procedure as outlined in Article XI, Section 2 of these bylaws.
- B. Other matters and procedures pertaining to the State Convention (such as sponsorship, registration fees, and procedures, logistics, record keeping, etc.)

shall be determined by the host organization, subject to the oversight and authority of the Executive Committee.

### Section 3 - Finances

- A. If the income is greater than the expenses, the profit shall be split evenly between the FLYRs and the host organization.

### Section 4 - Delegates.

- A. The Credentialing Committee shall provide delegate and alternate allotments for all State Conventions,
  - 1. The Credentialing Committee shall be composed of the FLYR Vice-Chair, Secretary, each of the Regional Representatives, and one At-Large Member Appointed by the Chair.
- B. Submissions to the Credentials Committee.
  - 1. Each Federated Club shall submit a list of their current Active Members to the Credentialing Committee no later than February 28th of each year.
    - a) This deadline shall be February 29 during leap years.
  - 2. Any Federated Club who fails to submit the required information as outlined in this subsection shall forfeit any delegates and alternates they would have otherwise been entitled to.
- C. Each Federated Club shall provide in its Constitution for the method of Delegate and Alternate selection for such Club, provided that all Delegates and Alternates are Active Members of such Club.
- D. Delegate strength of each Federated Club shall be as detailed below:
  - 1. For the First 10 Members, all Federated Clubs are entitled to a minimum of three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates.
  - 2. All Federated Clubs with 20 or more Active Members shall be entitled to:
    - a) One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate in addition to the minimum number of Delegates/Alternates for each ten (10) of its Active Members for the first two-hundred (200) members and;
    - b) One Delegate and one Alternate for every 20 members thereafter who have otherwise complied with this section
  - 3. Federated Clubs which are granted a charter within ninety (90) days of a convention shall be entitled to two (2) Delegates and (2) two Alternates, regardless of size of membership.
  - 4. Delegates and alternates must be exclusively selected by each Federated Club from the roster submitted to the Credentialing Committee Prior to Convention.
- E. At-Large Members of the FLYR shall be entitled to no more than one (1)



delegate and one (1) alternate per each Region as defined by Article X of these bylaws.

#### Section 5. Voting

- A. Delegates from any Member Clubs who are granted a charter within ninety (90) days of the date of a convention shall not be entitled to vote on any matters brought before an FLYR convention, including but not limited to:
  - 1. Elections of FLYR Officers
  - 2. Constitutional Amendments
- B. Each Delegate shall be entitled to one vote on matters voted upon at the State Convention.
- C. No Delegate or Alternate may attend the general session until such Delegate or Alternate has properly registered at the State Convention.

#### Section 6. Quorum

- A. A quorum for the State Convention shall be one-half (½) of eligible delegates.

#### Section 7. Rules

- A. The Executive Committee shall establish the rules of conventions.

### **ARTICLE VIII - NATIONAL FEDERATION**

#### Section 1. Affiliation and Subordination

- A. The Florida Young Republicans shall be and remain an affiliated organization of the Young Republican National Federation ("YRNF").
- B. The Florida Young Republicans may not unilaterally secede from the YRNF.
- C. All officers and members of the federation are subject to the Rules and Bylaws of the YRNF, including any dispute rulings by the YRNF Dispute Committee.

#### Section 2. National Convention

- A. Each President of a Federated Club shall present to the Chairman, or their designee, a list of proposed delegates and alternates to the National Convention by the deadline determined by the Chairman and subject to Section 2.G of this article.
  - 1. Each delegate and candidate shall be a member in good standing of both the proposing club and the FLYRs, interested in becoming a delegate or alternate, and committed to attending the National Convention.
- B. Appeal for inclusion by an un-sponsored delegate or alternate candidates: Any member not included in the list proposed by the respective Club President may appeal to the Chairman, or a designee of the Chairman, for inclusion on the list of proposed delegates and alternates.
  - 1. These un-sponsored candidates must be in good standing of a Federated Club and the FLYRs and wish to serve as a delegate or alternate to the National Convention.

2. The exclusive remedy for inclusion for consideration is an appeal, presented in writing to the Chairman, or designee of the Chairman, prior to the ratification of the final delegate and alternate list.
- C. Selection and ratification of the delegates and alternates: The Chairman, or designee of the Chairman, shall compile the master list of delegate and alternate candidates. The master list shall include the following:
  1. All club-sponsored delegate and alternate candidates submitted in compliance with Section 2.A of this article; and
  2. All unsponsored delegates and alternate candidates whose appeals were submitted in compliance with Section 2.B of this article.
- D. The Executive Board shall meet to determine the approved list of delegates and alternates from the master list.
- E. The Executive Board has the authority to approve or disapprove candidates and, at the discretion of the Executive Board, create conditions for approval of individual candidates.
- F. A simple majority vote of the Executive Board is required for all matters pertaining to conditioning, ratification, or amendment of the delegate and alternate list.
- G. The delegate and alternate list shall be compiled and submitted in accordance with the YRNF Constitution, Bylaws, and Credentialing Procedure and Rules.

### Section 3. Annual State Survey Submission and Compliance

- A. Each Federated Club shall annually submit a list of their current Active Members, the dues associated with all Active members, and a copy of the club's governing documents to the Credentials Committee by an electronic means approved by the Board no later than February 28th of each year.
- B. Any club that fails to submit the required information and dues as described in this section will be immediately suspended and not be allotted delegates or alternates to subsequent FLYR conventions.

## **ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES**

### Section 1 - Standing Committees

- A. The Following committees are hereby established as Standing Committees of the Florida Federation of Young Republicans:
  1. Events Committee - chaired by Chairman's Appointee
  2. Bylaws & Rules Committee - chaired by FLYR Secretary
  3. Finance & Audit Committee - chaired by FLYR Treasurer
- B. The voting members of all Standing Committees shall be, unless otherwise stated in this Article:
  1. The Chairman of the Committees, appointed or reappointed after each biannual election of the FLYR elected officers of the Federation, and
  2. One active member appointed to each committee by the President of

each Federated Club.

- C. Each member of the committee shall be entitled to only one vote, and the Committee Chairmen may only vote to break a tie.
- D. These committees shall meet on a regular basis and provide reports at Executive Committee meetings.
- E. All Standing committees shall consist of a chair and at least four (4) additional members.

#### Section 2 - Select Committees

- A. The Following committees are hereby established as Select Committees of the Florida Federation of Young Republicans:
  - 1. Credentials Committee - chaired by Vice-Chairman
  - 2. Awards Committee - chaired by Chairman's Appointee
  - 3. Platform Committee - chaired by Policy Director
  - 4. Association of Club Presidents - chaired by Director of Club Development
  - 5. Ad Hoc Committees may be formed by Chairman as deemed necessary
- B. These committees shall meet on an as-needed basis determined by the chair of the committee or their designate and provide reports at Executive Committee meetings as necessary.
- C. All Select committees shall consist of a chair and at least two (2) additional members.

#### Section 3 - Events Committee

- A. This Events Planning Committee shall be a standing committee, and shall be made up of the following voting members: the Treasurer of the FLYRs and the Chairman of the FLYRs.
- B. The remaining voting members shall be one member per each region, appointed on the advice of the Regional Director.
- C. The Events Planning Committee shall be tasked with the following responsibilities:
  - 1. Planning/Coordinating all statewide events to be hosted in conjunction with a local chapter that will utilize FLYR financial resources including, but not limited to:
    - a) Annual Meetings;
    - b) Quarterly Meetings;
    - c) Statewide Deployments; and
    - d) any other Events to be hosted in-conjunction with a local chapter.
  - 2. Reviewing all bid-submissions from local clubs, as outlined in this subsection, to host any statewide event, including but not limited to:
    - a) Annual Meetings;
    - b) Quarterly Meetings; and
    - c) Statewide Deployments.

- D. Local Clubs that are interested in hosting a statewide event shall submit a Bid Application package to the Events Planning Committee no later than 6 (six) months prior to the date of the proposed event.
1. Said application must, at a minimum, contain the following:
    - a) The proposed Date(s) and times of the event;
    - b) The proposed location of the events;
    - c) Proposed Hotel Accommodations/Pricing;
    - d) Proposed outline of events/agenda for the event;
    - e) A proposed budget outlining the cost for the event and any proposed ticket price (to be priced per person) for attendees; and
    - f) A copy of the club's most recent Financial Records showing that they have adequate funds to cover the requested budget
  2. Temporary/Preliminary copies of any proposed Hotel Accommodations/Pricing and outline of events/agenda for the event will be acceptable for the purposes of the application.
  3. Said application shall, at the applicant's discretion, also contain the following:
    - a) A request for the FYR to financially assist, via a block grant, the local chapter with hosting the event, outlining a requested dollar amount that would be needed to successfully host said event.
  4. Upon receipt of the application, the committee shall convene within fourteen (14) days (2 weeks) to review the application and vote on whether or not to approve the application.
    - a) If the local club has requested financial assistance as per item (1)eabove, the Treasurer shall provide the committee with a financial feasibility report outlining whether they believe the event will be financially feasible.
  5. To cure deficiencies in a proposal, a simple majority vote of the Board shall suffice.
  6. An application shall be deemed approved if at least 51% of the committee votes in favor of approval.
  7. Once approved, the application will be forwarded via the treasurer to the Executive Board to be presented at the next executive board meeting.

#### Section 4 - Bylaws & Rules Committee

- A. The Bylaws & Rules Committee shall consider proposed amendments to these Bylaws and make recommendations with respect to the same.
1. This committee shall be the custodian of the Bylaws and shall make recommendations to the Committee or the Convention as appropriate.
  2. Bylaw amendments must be approved according to the procedures defined in Article XIII.

- B. The Bylaws & Rules Committee shall propose the rules of the State Convention to the Executive Committee for approval prior to convention.
  - 1. The convention rules proposed by this committee must be compliant with Bylaws regarding elections, state conventions, and bylaw amendment processes.
  - 2. Any rules proposed by this committee and approved by the Executive Committee may be amended on the floor of a State convention following Robert's rules of order.

#### Section 5 – Finance & Audit Committee

- A. The finance and audit committee shall meet monthly to assess the FLZR's finances.
- B. Annually, the finance committee shall release an internal audit detailing the organization's financial strengths and any deficiencies.
- C. The Executive Board shall be allowed to review committee findings by request of any Board member.

#### Section 6. Credentials Committee

- A. The Credentials Committee shall review the compliance of each Club with the Continuing Charter Requirements set forth above, or in the case of Clubs which became federated since the last convention, that Club's compliance with the Initial Charter Requirements.
- B. The Credentials Committee shall recommend to the Convention that only the delegations of Clubs in compliance with the applicable requirements be seated.
- C. The Credentials Committee shall also ensure that the Delegates and Alternates of a Federated Club meet the appropriate requirements as specified in these Bylaws.

#### Section 7 - Awards Committee

- A. The Awards Committee shall recognize outstanding accomplishments on the part of Members and Federated Clubs.
- B. The specific awards given, as well as the qualifications and requirements for such awards, will be established by the Board and communicated to all Club Presidents no less than ninety (90) days prior to the annual State Convention.

#### Section 8 - Platform Committee

- A. The Platform Committee shall recommend the adoption of resolutions by the State Convention and recommend changes to the current platform of the Republican Party of Florida.
- B. Resolutions adopted shall not contradict the currently adopted Republican Party of Florida platform but may recommend changes to said platform.

#### Section 9 - Association of Club Presidents

- A. The Association of Club Presidents shall have voting members only consisting of all of the Presidents from the chartered clubs.

1. The elected Chair of the Presidents Association will also serve as the Director of Club Development.
  2. A Vice Chair shall also be voted on by the Presidents.
- B. The Association of Club Presidents may adopt its own bylaws which are supplementary to, but not in direct conflict with, these bylaws.

#### Section 10 – Ad Hoc Committees

- A. The Chairman can choose to create other committees as deemed necessary for the success and functions of the FLYRs.
- B. These committees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the Chairman, Executive Board, and/or Executive Committee.
- C. The Chairman, Executive Board, and/or Executive Committee shall have the ability to carry out or decline recommendations made by a committee as provided in these Bylaws.

#### Section 11 – Committee Quorums and Voting

- A. A quorum for meetings of any of the Standing Committees and/or Select Committees of the Federation shall be fifty percent (50%) + 1 of the total active and voting members of said committees.
- B. Proxy Votes for members of the Standing Committees and/or Select Committees on any committee business shall be prohibited.

### **ARTICLE X - REGIONS**

#### Section 1 - In General

- A. Regional Federations shall be established to nurture the development of clubs, growth of membership, networking opportunities and conduct campaign activities across a geographic region consisting of multiple federated clubs.
- B. The Florida Young Republicans shall consist of no more than five (5) regions, each of which are defined to include the following counties:
  1. Region 1 -Panhandle
    - a) Bay
    - b) Calhoun
    - c) Escambia
    - d) Franklin
    - e) Gadsden
    - f) Gulf
    - g) Holmes
    - h) Jackson
    - i) Okaloosa
    - j) Santa Rosa
    - k) Walton
    - l) Jefferson
    - m) Leon

- n) Liberty
- o) Madison
- p) Wakulla
- q) Washington

2. Region 2 - North Florida

- a) a. Alachua
- b) Baker
- c) Bradford
- d) Clay
- e) Columbia
- f) Dixie
- g) Duval
- h) Flagler
- i) Gilchrist
- j) Hamilton
- k) Lafayette
- l) Levy
- m) Marion
- n) Nassau
- o) Putnam
- p) Suwannee
- q) St Johns
- r) Taylor
- s) Union

3. Region 3 - Gulf Coast

- a) Citrus
- b) Charlotte
- c) Desoto
- d) Glades
- e) Hardee
- f) Hernando
- g) Highlands
- h) Hillsborough
- i) Lee
- j) Manatee
- k) Pasco
- l) Pinellas
- m) Sarasota

4. Region 4 - Atlantic Coast

- a) Brevard
- b) Indian River
- c) Lake

- d) Orange
  - e) Osceola
  - f) Okeechobee
  - g) Polk
  - h) St. Lucie
  - i) Seminole
  - j) Sumter
  - k) Volusia
5. Region 5 - South Florida
- a) Broward
  - b) Collier
  - c) Hendry
  - d) Martin
  - e) Miami-Dade
  - f) Monroe
  - g) Palm Beach

- C. Regional federations shall host quarterly meetings, whether virtually or in-person.
- D. Regional Federations shall have biannual in-person conferences consisting of one social and one political/campaign related to foster community among the local organizations. Cost of attendance shall be no more than \$100 per event and be accessible to all members of the Federation and its clubs.

#### Section 2 - Regional Representatives

- A. Regions shall elect a Representative who:
  - 1. Shall partner with the Director of Club Development on developing new clubs in the region.
  - 2. Shall oversee and check in on status of current Clubs at least once per quarter, and report updates at Executive Committee Meetings.
    - a) A Regional Representative shall not also be a Club Chairman.
- B. Clubs shall vote proportionately to their convention voting strength for the election of the Regional Representative at a State convention where election of FLYR officers take place . A vacancy of the Regional Representative may be filled by appointment of the FLYR Chairman to be approved by a simple majority of the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE XI - ENDORSEMENTS**

#### Section 1 - Endorsements by the Federation

- A. Subject to the Prohibitions outlined in Section 3 of this article, the Federation may endorse a Republican candidate in any race by:
  - 1. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote in favor of endorsement by the Executive Committee.



- B. The Federation may choose to endorse in a Local Race at the request of a Federated Club.

## Section 2 - Endorsements by Federated Clubs

- A. Federated clubs may endorse candidates in local and county-wide races only, subject to the Prohibitions outlined in Section 3 of this Article.
  - 1. Endorsements may only be issued upon the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of those active members present and voting at such a meeting, provided that a quorum is present at the time the vote is taken
    - a) The threshold for endorsement can be reduced to a simple majority if the executive board of the club votes  $\frac{3}{4}$  in favor of endorsing prior to the meeting where the member vote is to take place.
  - 2. Prior to a vote being taken, all republican candidates who are eligible for endorsement under Section 3.A.1 must be invited to speak at least 48 hours, if possible, prior to the scheduled meeting where the vote shall take place.
  - 3. The option to vote electronically can be used if provided for in the Federated Club's bylaws.
    - a) The respective majority required for endorsements as described by this subsection, if electronic voting is used, must be calculated based on the total number of active members in the Federated Club.
- B. Federated clubs may endorse any Republican candidate if the FLYR Executive Committee has endorsed that candidate as required in Section 1.A of this Article.

## Section 3 - Prohibition of Endorsements

- A. Neither the Federation, any Federated Club, nor any Officer of a Federated Club or of the Federation in his or her official capacity, shall endorse a candidate in any race in which there are more than one Republican candidate.
  - 1. Exceptions to this prohibition include and are limited to:
    - a) A race where a County Republican Executive Committee or the Republican Party of Florida, the Republican National Committee, or the supreme Republican authority within the jurisdiction of the race in question, has voted to endorse a candidate using their rules and procedures.
    - b) Races in which an official Republican nominee has been selected by the Republican Party of Florida either through a primary or an endorsement.
    - c) Races in which the candidate seeking endorsement is an active, dues-paying member of a Federated Club, or an active dues

paying at-large member, for a minimum of 6 months.

- (1) This exception shall be void in the event of two active members, as specified in this subsection, running for the same position.

d) An incumbent candidate

- B. No Federated club shall endorse candidates in any races outside of their local jurisdiction(s) as described in the approved bylaws from the last re-chartering.
  1. A Federated Club may Highlight, as defined below, an active member of their club running in a race outside of the jurisdiction(s).
  2. A Federated Club may issue an endorsement for one of their active members so long as either:
    - a) The Federated Club who is chartered within the jurisdiction(s) of the area in which the active member is running has voted to endorse that member.
    - b) The Federation has voted to endorse the active member.
    - c) There is no Federated Club chartered within the jurisdiction(s) where the active member is running.
  3. Any Federated Club that violates this policy may be reviewed by the Executive Board or their designated Task Force to enforce this Section of the Bylaws, which at a minimum will require action by the violating party to revoke and remedy any prohibited Endorsement.
- C. All members of the Florida Young Republicans, including Officers of a Club or of the Federation, are permitted to endorse a candidate so long as it is in his or her individual capacity.
  1. Any such endorsement shall require of the Officer or Member making such endorsement to specify that any reference relating to their title, membership, or position in the Florida YRs is for identification purposes only.
  2. Any such endorsement shall not be made using official Club or FLJR accounts, subject to the provisions in Section 4 of this Article.

#### Section 4 - Distinction of Endorsements and Highlights

- A. An Endorsement shall be defined as when either the Federation or a Federated Club, acting in an official capacity, issues a written acknowledgement supporting one candidate over another.
- B. Furthermore, an Endorsement shall be defined as any form of campaign activity conducted by the Federation or a Federated Club exclusively in support of one candidate, including but not limited to:
  1. Door knocking
  2. Phone calls
  3. Fundraising

4. Sign waving
- C. The Federation or a Federated Club is permitted to issue a Highlight so long as it's objective and neutral in nature, and subject to the following limitations and prohibitions:
  1. The Federation may run a social media campaign at any point during the election cycle using organizational accounts to highlight all active YR members who are running for public office throughout Florida.
  2. A Federated Club may issue statements regarding any of its active members or any dues paying associate members who are running for public office. The volume and content of these statements shall not be excessive or unreasonable.
  3. The following content within a Highlight shall be prohibited:
    - a) Comments for or against any candidate's candidacy
    - b) Comments stating how any candidate will perform as an elected official or regarding the candidates personal character and conduct.
    - c) Sharing of any content from the candidate's personal or campaign pages, or anything that funnels to their campaign pages, websites, accounts, or donation platforms.
- D. Any potential infringement of a Highlight that might qualify as an Endorsement may be reviewed by the Executive Board or their designated Task Force to enforce this Section of the Bylaws, which at a minimum will require action by the violating party to revoke and remedy any prohibited Endorsement.

#### Section 5 Ballot Initiatives, Appointments, and Other Leadership Elections

- A. Ballot Initiative and Local Referendum endorsements shall follow the same guidelines for approval as outlined in Sections 1 and 2.A.1 of this Article.
- B. Any endorsement for leadership roles within the state or federal legislature or appointed positions at the state or federal level may be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Board.
- C. Neither The Federation nor a Federated Club may endorse in any RPOF or County REC leadership Races.

#### Section 6 - Free Speech and Limitations

- A. All members of Florida Young Republicans are entitled to freely express their opinions and ideas on their personal social media and other public platforms, in a manner consistent with the First Amendment rights as protected under U.S. law. Such expressions shall be personal and not attributed to Florida Young Republicans. The organization is explicitly forbidden to impose any disciplinary

measures or penalties on members for their individual expressions, regardless of viewpoint unless it falls outside of the rights of the First Amendment. Utilization of any official organization's social media to disseminate personal opinion without the permission of its' members or outside of the governing documents is forbidden. This amendment upholds the principle of free speech, recognizing the distinction between personal opinions and the organization's official stances.

#### Section 6. Conflicts of Interest

- A. Any FLYR member that is paid financially or in-kind by a campaign, or organization, regarding an election of an individual, ballot initiative, or any other political matter, where an endorsement is being considered by the Federation, or a Federated Club, is required to disclose the nature of their direct financial interest.
- B. Any FLYR member required to make disclosure may neither motion nor second a motion pertaining to the matter at hand. Furthermore, if any FLYR member has the ability or influence to set the agenda, they must not use this ability or influence if they are required to make disclosure.
  - 1. An FLYR member who is required to make disclosure as outlined above must do so immediately when they become aware of a conflict between their interest in a matter and an item or prospective item of the agenda. This should be done in a manner that informs every voting member of the conflict prior to engaging in any discussion or influence on the matter.
- C. If an FLYR member that is required to make disclosure also has had conversations relating to the endorsement at hand with the campaign or organization from which the conflict is posed, or if their vote would bear consequence regarding their standing with said campaign or organization, then the member is also required to recuse themselves from any vote relating to the endorsement.
- D. Any voting member suspected to be in violation of this section will be required to undergo the hearing process as defined in Article III Section 2 of these bylaws.
  - 1. The minimum sanction for this violation shall be a 6 month suspension and removal from elected office if said member is an elected officer of the Federation.
    - a) If the member in question is an officer of a Federated Club, that club will lose its voting privileges on the Executive Committee for 2 years.
- E. If any order of business passes or fails and it is found that an FLYR member who was required to recuse themselves did not, then the matter will be represented for

reconsideration at the subsequent meeting of whichever body considered the business in question.

1. The original outcome of this order of business can be sustained by 2/3rds of the voting members voting in favor of sustainment.

## **ARTICLE XII - MISCELLANEOUS**

### Section 1. Roster

- A. The roster or any mailing list of the Federation shall be exclusively available to the Executive Board and Credentialing Committee, only to be furnished to other FLYR members on a need-to-know basis, which must be approved by the Executive Board.
- B. The roster may be provided to the Young Republican National Federation to comply with continuing charter requirements.
- C. The roster or any mailing shall not be furnished to any other person or entity, for any purpose, without the prior approval of the Board.
  1. Such request must be made, in writing, to the Secretary no more than 48 hours before an executive board meeting.

### Section 2 - Marketing During Federation Function

- A. No product shall be marketed at any Federation function without prior approval of the Board.

### Section 3. Use of Federation Name

- A. Except for current members, any person or entity employing the name of the Federation must have prior approval of the Board.

### Section 4. Vote Required

- A. Whenever these Bylaws require approval of any action or decision, whether by the Board, the Membership, or any other body, then that approval shall require a simple-majority (50% + 1) vote of that body in favor, unless otherwise stated in these bylaws.

### Section 5. Non-Discrimination

- A. The Federation opposes any type of discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief. The right of any person to be a Member of the Federation shall not be abridged on account of any of these factors.

### Section 6. Interpretation

- A. Any dispute or question concerning the interpretation or meaning of these Bylaws shall be determined by the Board; the Board should consult the opinions of any available Chairman Emeritus and the General Counsel regarding any such question.

### Section 7. Parliamentary Procedure

- A. Except where inconsistent with this document, all meetings shall be governed by the most recently revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

#### Section 8. Copy of Bylaws

- A. A copy of these Bylaws shall be provided to any Member or Federated Club by the Secretary upon request.
- B. A copy of these bylaws shall be made available on the FLYR website for download by the public.

#### Section 9. Definitions

- A. As used in this document, the following definitions shall apply:
  - 1. Club President - the chief elected officer of a Federated Club, whether called President, Chairman, or otherwise
  - 2. Delegate - any delegate or duly seated alternate delegate
  - 3. Board - the Florida Young Republicans Executive Board
  - 4. Committee - the Florida Young Republicans Executive Committee, except where other committees are referenced
  - 5. Federation - the Florida Young Republicans
  - 6. FLYR/FLYRs - the Florida Young Republicans
  - 7. YRNF - the Young Republican National Federation
  - 8. Federated Club - Local YR Chapters chartered by the FLYRs.

#### Section 10. Fiscal Year

- A. The fiscal year of the Federation shall be From December 1, running through November 30 of each calendar year.

#### Section 11. Indemnification and Insurance

- A. The Federation may provide indemnification to any of its Officers or Members and may purchase and maintain insurance as desired.

#### Section 12. Legal Unit Rule

- A. All delegates are free to vote without restriction and without retaliation.

### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

#### Section 1. Amendments to the Bylaws by State Convention

- A. Any proposed amendment to these Bylaws must be submitted either in writing or electronically and received by the Chairman of the Bylaws & Rules Committee no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the general session of the annual State Convention.
  - 1. Amendments to the Bylaws must be submitted with no fewer than the signatures of ten Active Members. The signers of the proposed amendment must represent at least three separate Federated Clubs.
  - 2. The Bylaws & Rules Committee shall coordinate to amend any Bylaws submissions which will conflict with the existing Bylaws.

- a) These Amendments to submissions are subject to approval by a simple-majority vote of the Delegates at the Convention. The approval of the submission as a whole is subject to subsection E of this section.
- B. The Bylaws & Rules Committee Chairman shall have distributed all the proposed amendments to committee members and Club Presidents no less than five (5) days prior to the Convention.
- C. The Chairman of the Bylaws & Rules Committee shall report on all proposed amendments to the Convention and provide the Committee's recommendation with regard to the same, as well as any other information the Committee deems appropriate.
- D. Any proposed Amendments to the Bylaws shall be amended on the floor, or by the author up to 2-days prior to the convention where the vote on the amendment will take place.
- E. Each amendment shall require at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated Delegates of the State Convention.
- F. Bylaw amendments submitted for consideration at a state convention where an election is held will be considered after the election proceedings.

#### Section 2. Amendments Proposed to the Executive Committee

- A. Amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee with no fewer than the signatures of ten (10) voting members of the Committee .
- B. To warrant consideration, Bylaws amendments must be submitted to the Committee at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Committee meeting at which they are first considered, at which point the Committee shall consider, but not vote on the proposed changes.
- C. The Committee shall not have the power to approve Bylaws changes until the subsequent Committee meeting, and only after the membership of the Florida Young Republicans has had at least 21 days notice of the proposed ByLaws changes being voted on at a Committee meeting of the FLYRs.
  - 1. This notice must be provided in writing or by electronic means to all active members of the FLYRs
- D. No amendment to the By-Laws shall be adopted except by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of those Executive Committee voting members present at the subsequent FLYRs Committee meeting following the Committee meeting at which the changes were first considered.

### **ARTICLE XIV - ADOPTION**

#### Section 1 - Supremacy

- A. These Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon the close of the March 18, 2023

Convention.

1. These bylaws were amended on April 13th, 2024
- B. These Bylaws hereby replace, supersede and declare null and void any and all Constitution and Bylaws that may have been previously adopted by the Florida Young Republicans and the Florida Federation of Young Republicans.
- C. These Bylaws are hereby declared the only governing document of the Federation.
- D. Where these bylaws conflict with any Constitutions/Bylaws of Federated Clubs, these bylaws shall supersede and govern.

## Section 2 - Adopted

- A. The undersigned officers of the Florida Young Republicans hereby certify that these Bylaws were duly adopted by the Florida Young Republicans on the 18th day of March, 2023.
  1. David Neuman, FLYR Chairman
  2. Josiah Gattle, FLYR Secretary
- B. The undersigned officers of the Florida Young Republicans hereby certify that these Bylaws were amended procedurally and duly adopted by the Florida Young Republicans on the 13th day of April, 2024.
  1. Brandon Ludwig, FLYR Chairman
  2. Jad Shalhoub, FLYR Secretary
- C. The undersigned officers of the Florida Young Republicans hereby certify that these Bylaws were amended procedurally and duly adopted by the Florida Young Republicans on the 28th day of May, 2025.
  1. Brandon Ludwig, FLYR Chairman
  2. Jad Shalhoub, FLYR Secretary
- D. The undersigned officers of the Florida Young Republicans hereby certify that these Bylaws were amended procedurally and duly adopted by the Florida Young Republicans on the 21st day of June, 2025.
  1. Brandon Ludwig, FLYR Chairman
  2. Jad Shalhoub, FLYR Secretary