

INDIANA FEDERATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I NAME AND DEFINITIONS

Section I. The name of the organization shall be: "THE INDIANA FEDERATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS" hereinafter referred to as the "Federation".

Section II. As used in this Constitution the following words shall have the meanings herein stated:

A. "Young Republican" means those persons eligible for membership in the Federation under the provisions of Article IV.

B. "Party" means, when used as a noun, the Republican Party in the State of Indiana as established pursuant to the election laws of the State of Indiana and the rules of the Indiana Republican State Committee and the use of "Party" as an adjective to distinguish an office, committee or other political grouping shall refer to the respective office, committee or political grouping organized pursuant to the rules of the Indiana Republican State Committee.

C. "Executive Committee" shall mean the Executive Committee established pursuant to Article VI of this Constitution.

D. "Federation Chairman" shall mean the State Chairman of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans provided for in Article VII of this Constitution.

E. "Federation Vice Chairman" shall mean the State Vice Chairman of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans provided for in Article VII of this Constitution.

F. "National Committeeman" shall mean the Young Republican National Committeeman from the State of Indiana as provided in Article VII of this Constitution.

G. "National Committeewoman" shall mean the Young Republican National Committeewoman from the State of Indiana as provided in Article VII of this Constitution.

H. "Federation Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans as provided in Article VII of this Constitution.

I. "Federation Treasurer" shall mean the Secretary of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans as provided in Article VII of this Constitution.

J. "District YR Chairman" shall mean the Young Republican Chairman for each congressional district as provided in Article X of this Constitution.

K. "District YR Vice-Chairman" shall mean the Young Republican Chairman for each congressional district as provided in Article X of this Constitution.

L. "County YR Chairman" shall mean the Young Republican County Chairman provided for in Article XI of this Constitution.

M. "County YR Vice-Chairman" shall mean the Young Republican County Chairman provided for in Article XI of this Constitution.

N. "Convention" shall mean either the convention of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans or the convention of the Young Republican National Federation as provided for in Articles XIV and XV respectively.

O. The use of nouns or pronouns of the masculine gender throughout this Constitution are intended to include and shall be construed to include the feminine and except in those cases where clearly provided specifically to the contrary, any office in this Federation may be held by persons of either sex.

ARTICLE II POWERS

The powers of the Federation shall be:

Section I. To direct, manage, supervise and control its business, property and funds, and to do all other things necessary to carry out its objectives.

Section II. To create, charter, supervise and coordinate groups of young Republicans throughout the State of Indiana.

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Federation are:

Section I. To develop County Young Republican Chapters, foster their growth, supervise their activities, supply information to them about organization and program, furnish them with speakers and stimulate interest among young people to join such Chapters.

Section II. To provide a practical means by which the Young Republicans throughout the State of Indiana may effectively contribute to the betterment of the Republican Party, the United States of America, the state of Indiana, and the various political subdivisions of the State of Indiana.

Section III. To support the principles, objects, and platform of the Republican Party and to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates. This Federation shall not participate in any intraparty differences nor shall it, as an organization, seek to influence the nomination of any primary candidate.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership in this Federation and in affiliated Young Republican Chapters shall be open to any United States Citizen who is a resident of the State of Indiana and whose age is within the National Federation's age limitation.

Section II. That affiliated Chapters may have associate members without regard to age but such associate members may neither vote nor hold office in such affiliated Chapters.

Section III. That such requirement shall not be construed so to prevent organization of teenage Republican Chapters.

ARTICLE V CHARTERING GROUPS OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS

Section I. The basic organization of Young Republican Chapters shall be by county.

Section II. Each Chapter shall elect its own officers consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer who will be in full charge of the Chapter but to be cooperative with local conservative groups and the Federation.

Section III. When a group of Young Republicans is formed and have fulfilled all the qualifications that may be placed thereon by the Federation, they shall be granted a charter from the Federation.

Section IV. A Young Republican Chapter may be chartered in any county in the State of Indiana. There may be more than one organization chartered in an individual county or multiple counties may form one Chapter with the approval of the State Young Republican Executive Committee

Section V. A chartered Young Republican Chapter in Indiana may use such name as it sees fit

Section VI. Any chartered Young Republican Chapter that fails to conform to the Constitution

and By-Laws of the Federation or the Young Republican National Federation, may have its charter or membership herein suspended or revoked, or may be otherwise disciplined.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I. The Federation shall be governed by the Young Republican Executive Committee.

Section II. The Committee shall be composed of all District YR Chairmen and District YR Vice-Chairmen, the Federation Vice Chairman, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, the Federation Secretary and the Federation Treasurer. These members of the Executive Committee shall have all of the rights and privileges of the Executive Committee including the right to vote.

Section III. The Federation Chairman shall be a member of the Executive Committee and serve as its chairman. The vote of the Federation Chairman may not be cast by proxy.

Section IV. The Executive Committee shall have the power to control and manage all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Federation.

Section V. The Executive Committee shall meet as prescribed in the By-Laws.

Section VI. Programs and activities of the Federation, other than those prescribed in the Constitution and By-Laws, must be approved by resolution of the Executive Committee. Section VII. Only authorized, written proxies of Executives Officers, District YR Chairmen and District YR Vice-Chairmen shall be honored at Executive Committee meetings. Section VIII. One-half (1/2) of the duly elected or appointed voting members, or their proxies, of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section IX. All members of the Executive Committee shall serve on a minimum of one standing committee.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section I. The officers of the Federation shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a National Committeeman, a National Committeewoman, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section II. Every officer shall have been a member in good standing of a chartered Young Republican Chapter and remain as such throughout his or her term.

Section III. The Chairman may appoint an Executive Director who will serve at his pleasure. The Executive Director may sit with the Executive Committee without the power to vote or any other non-voting directors as the Chairman sees fit.

Section IV. The Chairman may appoint a parliamentarian, a general counsel and such assistant general counsels as necessary.

Section V. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the officers of the Federation shall have such powers and perform such duties as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII POWERS AND DUTIES

Section I. The Chairman shall preside at all conventions and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall be the chief executive officer of the Federation and shall exercise general supervision over the work and activities of the Federation. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Federation.

Section II. The Federation Vice Chairman shall act as assistant to the Chairman. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Federation. In the absence or inability of the Chairman to act, his powers and duties shall be performed by the Vice Chairman.

Section III. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall act on behalf of the Federation at all national meetings. They shall attend a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of all national meetings. They shall be ex-officio members to all committees of the Federation.

Section IV. The Secretary shall be the recording and corresponding officer of the Federation. In the temporary absence or disability of the Secretary, the Chairman shall appoint a temporary Secretary who shall perform the duties of the Secretary.

Section V. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the organization under the supervision and direction of the Executive Committee.

Section VI. In the absence or inability of the Federation Chairman to act, his powers and duties shall be performed by the Federation Vice Chairman. In the absence or inability of both the Federation Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Chairman's duties shall be performed by the Federation Secretary, and if he is also absent or unable by the Federation Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX TENURE OF OFFICERS

Section I. The officers shall be elected at each duly constituted regular convention of the Federation and shall hold office until their successors are installed.

Section II. Election of each officer shall be in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section III. The officers of the Federation shall be allowed to be elected to the same office a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Section IV. Elective officers of the Federation may be removed for cause by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee at each of two consecutive regular meetings of the Executive Committee, after a hearing before the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTION AND TENURE

Section I. District officers of the Federation shall be a District YR Chairman, a District YR Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section II. The District Secretary shall be the recording and corresponding officer of the District.

Section III. The District Treasurer shall receive, expend and account for all funds of the District.

Section IV. District officers shall be elected in District Caucus called by the Young Republican District Chairman in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section V. District officers shall hold office until their successors are elected and duly qualified, except that election of a District YR Chairman or YR Vice-Chairman to Federation Office shall vacate the district office.

Section VI. Officers neglecting their duties or being out of communication for thirty (30) days without prior notification may be replaced by the district caucus.

ARTICLE XI COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICAN OFFICERS

Section I. There shall be in each county a County YR Chairman and a County YR Vice-Chairman, a County YR Secretary and a County YR Treasurer.

Section II. Elections shall be conducted for officers in accordance to local Constitution and Bylaws that are not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans or the National Federation of Young Republicans

Section III. County Young Republican election disputes will be decided by the State Young Republican Executive Committee.

Section IV. It shall be the duty of each County YR Chairman to direct, supervise and organize timely Young Republican Chapter elections in their county pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Federation. In the event that the Chairman fails to comply, the State Young Republican Executive Committee will direct and oversee County elections or make interim appointments as they see fit.

Section V. Officers neglecting their duties or being out of communication for more than thirty (30) days without prior notification may be replaced by the county organization, generally with the Vice-Chairman assuming all duties until the next election.

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section I. The standing committees, as prescribed in the By-Laws, shall be appointed by the Federation Chairman and shall perform such duties as shall be defined in the By-Laws and as may be authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section II. Special committees shall be appointed by the Federation Chairman whenever necessary or advisable with the approval of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the delegates in a convention of the Federation.

Section III. All standing and special committees shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIII REVENUES

Revenues may be raised as provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIV CONVENTIONS

Section I. Conventions of the Federation shall be held in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section II. Special Conventions of the Federation may be held upon call of the Chairman.

ARTICLE XV DELEGATES TO YOUNG REPUBLICAN NATIONAL FEDERATION CONVENTION

Section I. Delegates to the National Convention of the Young Republican National Federation shall be selected in accordance with the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVI BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Section I. By-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution and embodying additional provisions for the government of the Federation shall be adopted and may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee at a meeting of the Committee, present and voting, or at a Convention of the Federation by a majority vote. The second reading may be bypassed with unanimous consent of the Young Republican State Executive Committee.

Section II. Proposed amendments shall be set so as to be received by the Federation Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meeting or Convention. Said Secretary shall thereupon send notice of said proposed amendments to all members of the Executive Committee and to all County YR Chairmen and County YR Vice-Chairmen not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of such meeting or Convention.

ARTICLE XVII AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Section I. This Constitution or any provisions thereof may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) of the accredited delegates to a convention of the Federation.

Section II. Proposed amendments shall be sent so as to be received by the Federation Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the Convention. Said Secretary shall thereupon send written notice of said proposed amendments to all members of the Executive Committee and to all County YR Chairmen and County YR Vice-Chairmen not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of said Convention.