



Constitution of the Johnston County Young Republicans

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Johnston County Young Republicans”.

Article II – Federation Membership

The association shall be a member of the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans, Inc. (NCFYR)

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Active

Any person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, but not over forty (40) years of age inclusive and is a registered Republican residing in Johnston County is eligible for active membership in the association.

Section 2 – Associate

Any registered Republican not meeting the requirements for active member status may be an Associate member and shall have all the rights and privileges of active members, except that he/she may not vote nor hold association office.

Section 3 – Honorary

Honorary members shall be those people so designated by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the active members present at any regular meeting of the association.

Section 4 – Dues

Annual dues for active members shall be set annually by the Executive Committee, but shall not be set lower than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per member per year.

Section 5 – Members in Good Standing

Members in good standing shall be active members who have paid dues for the current calendar year.

Section 6 – Discipline

The association may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those active members present at a regular meeting, censure and/or expel from the association any member for any act or conduct deemed unfriendly or hostile to the best interests of the association, provided that:

- The Executive Committee has reviewed such proposed action and has made a recommendation;
- That such member has been notified of the Executive Committee's recommendation by certified mail at least one (1) week prior to the meeting;
- And that such member has had the right and opportunity to present his defense, either himself or through a representative.

Notice of the charges against the member and a recommendation of the Executive Committee must be included in the call of the meeting, and must be received by the membership at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Article IV – Elected Officers

Section 1 – Designation

The elected officers of this association shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall hold office from the Annual Meeting until their successors take office.

Section 2 – Term

The terms for all elective offices shall be one (1) year. No elected officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. Elected officers shall serve without compensation and must be active members in good standing with the association.

Section 3 – Vacancies

A vacancy in an elective office shall be filled by means of an election of the membership if more than six (6) months of the unexpired term remain. If fewer than six (6) months remain, the vacancy shall be filled by an election of the Executive Committee.

Article V – Powers & Duties of Officers

Section 1 – Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the association and the Executive Committee, appoints committees, supervises the activities of the association, represents the association in official capacity, and performs all other duties incidental to the office.

Section 2 – Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman and shall perform other duties designated by the Chairman.

Section 3 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect and pay out all association funds as directed by the Executive Committee. He shall deposit such funds in a depository designated by the Executive Committee and shall keep accounts open at all times for inspection. He shall render accounts of the transactions and the financial condition of the association at each regular meeting and shall submit an Annual written report to the association at the January meeting and shall perform other duties assigned by the Chairman.

Section 4 – Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes at all meetings of the association and the Executive Committee and shall submit a copy of said minutes to the Executive Committee. He shall also be responsible for the mailing of all announcements and/or notices and shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman. If the Secretary is absent from a meeting, someone should be appointed to take minutes. Committee chair or Registered Republican that is an Active member.

Article VI – Executive Committee

Section 1 – Members

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the association, the immediate past Chairman, and the Chairman of the standing committees.

Section 2 – Duties

The Executive Committee shall plan and oversee all association activities.

Section 3 – Meetings

Executive Committee meetings shall be held at such times and places as the committee shall decide, and each Executive Committee member shall receive at least five (5) days' notice from the Chairman unless said notice is waived by individual committee members. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Executive Committee are open to all association members.

Article VII – Association Meetings

Section 1 – Regular

Regular meetings of the association shall be held at the times designated by the Executive Committee of the association. All association members must be notified at least seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting. Regular meetings shall be held at least once every two months.

Section 2 – Special

Special meetings of the association may be called at any time by the Chairman, by the Executive Committee, or by a signed petition of ten (10) percent of the active members. Written notice must be given to the membership at least one (1) week in advance of such special meeting. Such written notice shall contain a summary of the matters to be considered and only such matters shall be discussed.

Section 3 – Annual

The Annual meeting of the association shall be the regular meeting in February of each year. Only those persons who have been members for thirty (30) days prior to the Annual meeting may vote during the Annual meeting.

Section 4 – Quorum

A quorum shall consist of ten (10) percent of the active members.

Article VIII – Elections

Section 1 – Annual

The election of officers shall be held at the Annual meeting and officers-elect shall take office at the end of that meeting.

Section 2 – Nominations

All candidates for association office shall be nominated from the floor during the Annual meeting. Only active members in good standing may nominate a candidate for association office. Nominators shall be given an opportunity to make a nominating speech on the candidate's behalf during the Annual meeting. Further, all candidates for association office shall be given an opportunity to speak during the Annual meeting. If only one candidate is nominated for a given office that officer may be elected by acclamation.

Section 3 – Ballots

Voting in all contested races shall be by secret ballot. Only active or registered members can vote. No proxy or absentee ballots shall be allowed. Fifty (50) percent plus one of the votes cast shall constitute a majority for election. If no candidate garners a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes will be voted upon in a runoff election.

Article IX – Committees

Section 1 – Standing

The standing committees shall be as follows: Finance, Campaigns & Elections, Community Service, Membership/Recruitment, Communications & Publicity, and the standing committees with the approval of the Executive Committee. If necessary, elected officers may be assigned to chair committees.

Section 2 – Community Service

This committee is responsible for establishing community outreach projects for the YR's. This committee is important to show that Republicans solve problems in their communities.

Section 3 – Financials

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the development and implementation of activities to raise funds for the association. This committee works with the Treasurer to create and implement a financial plan including long term and short-term goals. This committee is charged with raising funds to help expand the programming activities of the club.

Section 4 – Membership & Recruitment

This committee is responsible for recruiting new members, handling all membership related inquiries and issues, keeping a list of dues paying members and greeting and welcoming new members to the club.

Section 5 – Communications & Publicity

The Communications Committee shall be responsible for promoting the association and its activities, both within the Republican Party and to the general public. This committee works to spread the word about YR meetings and events, including social media activities, releasing press statements as needed.

Section 6 – Campaigns & Elections

This committee keeps track of all local, state, and federal GOP races. It is responsible for acting as a liaison between the local party and the club. The committee is charged with leading all campaign activities and is the contact point for campaigns seeking volunteers. This committee should hold an annual voter registration drive. Lastly, this committee is responsible for drafting candidate endorsements.

Section 7 – Socials

The Social Committee shall be responsible for organizing social activities for the association's members.

Article X – Candidate Endorsement

Section 1 – Endorsement

Neither the association, nor the Executive Committee as a whole, shall in any way endorse or oppose the candidacy of any Republican in a primary election or any registered Republican running against another registered Republican in a non-partisan race, or any individual running for Republican Party office at any level. Further, neither the association, nor the Executive Committee as a whole, nor any officers in their official capacities, shall endorse any candidate who is a member of any party other than the Republican Party. The only exceptions being in internal NCFYR Elections.

Section 2 – Penalty

Violation of Section 1 of this article by the Executive Committee as a whole or by any officer shall constitute grounds for a vote of censure and/or removal from office by the association membership following the voting and notification procedures outlined in Article 5, Section 6.

Article XI – Parliamentary Authority

Section 1 – Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the association.

Article XII – Amendments

Section 1 – Submission

A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at a regular meeting of the association, at which time it shall be read to the members. The amendments shall be discussed and voted upon at the regular meeting.

Section 2 – Ratification

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those active members in good standing present at any regular meeting, provided that Section 1 of this Article has been complied with.

Article XIII – Resolutions

Section 1

Any member in good standing may bring forth a written statement of some conviction that they feel the association should share.

Section 2

Resolutions will be adopted by majority vote of the members present and in good standing at a regular meeting of the association. Resolutions adopted by the association are to be kept in the permanent files maintained by the Secretary.

Amendment 1 (Ratified on January 11, 2024)

Only elected officers on the board are to be permitted access to the association's bank account. No elected officer with bank account access, is to withdraw funds or make a purchase from the association's account without notifying the other three (3) officers. Majority approval is needed from the other officers before withdrawing funds or making a purchase.

Amendment 2 (Ratified on November 14, 2024)

This amendment applies to Article 8, Section 2.

Section 1

In order to be eligible to run for an elected position in the association, those running must have been an active member of the association in the previous calendar year and must have attended at least four (4) business meetings of the association in the previous calendar year.

Section 2

All nominees must be present at the annual meeting to be nominated, to accept and be elected to association office. All absent members of the annual meeting are disqualified from running or being nominated in the annual election regardless of club activity.

Amendment 3 (Ratified on November 14, 2024)

This amendment applies to Article 7, Section 1.

Section 1

Association business meetings are only open to current active members, associate members and guests. Non-members of the association are only permitted to attend one (1) association business meeting per calendar year. This does not apply to elected officials, candidates and party officials. All association business meetings are open to those individuals.

Section 2

Prospective members are only permitted to attend two (2) association business meetings per year before being required to purchase association membership.

Amendment 4 (Ratified on November 14, 2024)

This amendment applies to Article 3, Section 4.

All associate members will be required to pay annual dues of Five Dollars (\$5.00).

Amendment 5 (Ratified on November 14, 2024)

This amendment applies to Article 3, Section 6

Section 1

If the executive committee of this association sees fit that a current committee member, with the exception of the Chairman, should be removed from the committee, the following procedure must be followed.

Section 2

A warning letter must be issued to the accused committee member that the committee is considering removing them from their position on the committee. The accused committee member must be given the opportunity to defend themselves before the committee.

Section 3

A unanimous vote is required from the committee to terminate committee membership.