

Rhode Island Young Republicans Constitution

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ARTICLE I - Name and Organization

- a) The name of the organization Rhody Young Republicans hereinafter referred to as the Rhode Island Young Republicans.
- b) Rhode Island YR is organized as an unincorporated nonprofit association, although the Rhode Island YR Executive Board may in the future elect to incorporate.

ARTICLE II - Powers

The powers of the Rhode Island YR shall be:

- a) To direct, manage, supervise and control its business, property, and funds and to do all other things necessary or convenient to carry out its business.
- b) To create, charter, supervise, and coordinate local chapter organizations of Young Republicans throughout the state of Rhode Island.

The powers of the Rhode Island YR shall not include: the ability of the Rhode Island YR Board or any member to take any action that would invalidate or endanger the status of the Rhode Island YR as an unincorporated nonprofit association (or any future organizational structure).

ARTICLE III - Objectives

The objectives of the Rhode Island YR shall be:

- a) To unite a statewide movement of intelligent, aggressive, and productive Young Republicans, stimulate new ideas and promote discussion, growth, and development of Republican values.
- b) To educate and train its members to assist Republican candidates in their election to local and state offices.
- c) To participate in Young Republican National Federation (hereinafter "YRNF") communications and events in order to keep the Rhode Island YR a major influence on the national scene.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Members of Rhode Island YR shall be members in good standing of a duly chartered Young Republican County organization, and be between the ages of 18-40 (inclusive). Special membership criteria shall be defined in the Rhode Island YR Bylaws or the Constitution / Bylaws of the duly chartered County organization.

ARTICLE VI - County Organizations of Young Republicans

- a) The Rhode Island YR can charter only one Young Republican County organization per County in the State of Rhode Island.
- b) A duly chartered Young Republican County organization shall have the power to hold meetings, elections, fundraisers and other organized events to promote their objectives, for so long as those events are not contrary to the Constitution or Bylaws of the Rhode Island YR or the

YRNF.

- c) Each Young Republican County organization, by accepting a charter from the Rhode Island YR, ratifies and agrees to be bound by provisions of this Constitution and the Rhode Island YR Bylaws.
- d) Each chartered Young Republican County organization shall meet at least once per quarter at such time(s) and place(s) as prescribed in its Constitution and/or Bylaws.
- e) No one from a chartered YR County shall speak on behalf of the Rhode Island YR without the express permission of the Rhode Island YR Chairman.

ARTICLE VII - Officers

SECTION 1 - ELECTED OFFICERS

- a) The officers of the Rhode Island YR shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Two National Committee Person(s) (of which the VC may serve as one), Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Liaison.
- b) From the first election (January 2019)on, each position will be for a two (2) year period.
- c) If an officer resigns, there will be nominations for that position at the next scheduled meeting, and then elections at the following meeting.

SECTION 2 – LEADERSHIP POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

- a) Every officer must be a member in good standing of a duly chartered Rhode Island YR County organization for at least three months prior to their election or appointment and continue as an active member in a Rhode Island YR County organization for the duration of their term.
- b) All officers, elected and appointed, shall serve without compensation.
- c) Each officer may face a vote of no confidence and be removed by a majority decision of the board if they are found to be making derogatory statements about anyone on the basis of race, gender, or sexual orientation, or by acting in any manner which harms the reputation of the YR organization.

ARTICLE VII - Rhode Island YR Executive Board

- a) The Rhode Island YR Executive Board shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers, the most recent Rhode Island YR Chair Emeritus, and the Chairs of each of the duly chartered Young Republican County organizations.
- b) The Rhode Island YR Executive Board shall have all the powers of the Rhode Island YR (unless otherwise specified in this constitution or duly ratified Bylaws) in all matters except that it shall not have the power to change or vary any action or decision of a Rhode Island YR Convention.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

- a) In each Committee, the Rhode Island YR Chairman shall appoint a Committee Co-Chairman and may recruit, as necessary, members from Young Republican County organizations to support committee activities.
- b) Each Committee Co-Chairman shall report directly to, and take directions from, the Rhode Island YR Chair.

ARTICLE IX - Conventions

SECTION 1 - DATE AND SITE

The Rhode Island YR convention shall be held biannually between January 1 and March 1. The Rhode Island YR Executive Board shall establish the date and location of the convention, and

notify all Rhode Island YR chartered clubs at least 60 days prior.

SECTION 2 - COMMITTEES

Membership in any committee appointed for the purpose of the convention will dissolve at the conclusion of the convention. Convention committee Chairmen shall not hold voting rights on the Rhode Island YR Executive Board.

SECTION 3 - VOTING

On all matters brought to the floor of each Convention, each Member (as defined in Section 1 of the Rhode Island YR Bylaws) shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote, providing that the governing body of the Young Republican County organization does not impose the unit rule on its delegation.

ARTICLE X - Bylaws and its amendments

Bylaws cannot be inconsistent with this Constitution, and additional provisions for the government of the Rhode Island YR can only be adopted and amended with a two-thirds (2/3) vote as outlined in the Rhode Island YR Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - Amendments to the constitution

- a) This Constitution and any provision therein can only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates present or represented by duly qualified Alternate Delegates at any regularly called convention of the Rhode Island YR.
- b) Proposed amendments shall be sent so as to be received by the Rhode Island YR Secretary at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the Convention. Said Secretary shall thereupon send a written notice of any properly submitted proposed amendments to all member in good standing of the Rhode Island YR, not less than seven (7) days prior to the said opening date of the Convention.
- c) A Constitution and By-laws Committee consisting of not fewer than five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Rhode Island YR Executive Board not less than two (2) months prior to the opening date of the convention.