

CONSTITUTION

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUBS

Adopted June 3, 2006, Boca Raton, Florida; Amended June 2, 2007, Daytona Beach, FL; June 14, 2008, Jacksonville, FL; and May 9, 2009, Gainesville, FL

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Florida Federation of Young Republican Clubs, Inc.,” a nonprofit corporation. The organization may also be referred to as the “Florida Federation of Young Professional Republicans.” This Constitution shall refer to the organization as the “FFYR.”

ARTICLE II – POWERS

The powers of the FFYR 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 objectives. (b) To create, charter, supervise, and coordinate Young Republican clubs throughout the state of Florida.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the FFYR are: (a) To develop a statewide aggressive and productive Young Republican organization. (b) To attract young men and women into the Republican Party and provide them with a practical means of Republican Party participation, leadership training, and political involvement at all levels of government. (c) To further the principles, objectives, and platform of the FFYR and to promote the election of duly nominated Republican candidates. The FFYR and chartered clubs of the FFYR may endorse, certify or recommend a Republican candidate in a contested Republican primary, or a registered Republican in a nonpartisan election (including judicial races where it is legally permissible), or a local Unitary Special/General Election, provided that they are in compliance with Sections 7.5 and 7.6 of the FFYR Bylaws. Local clubs must also be in compliance with Section 7.7 of the FFYR Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 4.1 All active, associate or honorary members in good standing, as defined in section 4.5, of any chartered Young Republican club shall be members of the FFYR. FFYR membership categories are defined as: (a) Active – An active member shall be defined as any person who is at least eighteen (18) years old and not more than forty (40) years old inclusive; a duly registered Republican in the district in which he or she resides; a citizen of the United States, or a non-citizen who has applied for citizenship; a resident of Florida; and who has personally signed an application for membership in a chartered club and paid dues within the last year. A person shall not be an active member of more than one chartered club; (b) Associate—dues paying members not meeting the requirements as listed for Active Members; (c) Honorary—membership awarded to honor its recipient; (d) Lifetime—award by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the convention delegates and to all FFYR State Chairmen Emeritus. Only Active and Lifetime members have voting rights.

SECTION 4.2 The FFYR shall have authority to collect membership dues from chartered clubs for each active member of chartered clubs as provided in the FFYR By-laws.

SECTION 4.3 All chartered clubs shall submit an annual membership credentials report as provided in the FFYR By-laws.

SECTION 4.4 The FFYR Executive Committee shall have authority to revoke the privilege of any member to hold FFYR office, as provided in the FFYR By-laws, if that individual fails to comply with this Constitution or the FFYR By-laws or if that individual fails to follow generally accepted standards of conduct within the FFYR. The FFYR also has the authority to revoke, limit or affect any individual's membership privileges within their chartered club. The FFYR Executive Committee shall have sole discretion to determine what are generally accepted standards of conduct within the FFYR.

SECTION 4.5: A member shall be in "good standing" if he or she has paid dues within the past year, has no outstanding debts or obligations to the FFYR or local clubs, and conducts himself or herself in a manner consistent with the generally accepted standards of conduct within the FFYR, and conducts himself or herself in the a manner that respects the ideals of the Republican Party. Anyone who is currently under disciplinary action from the RPOF or FFYR is prohibited to attend any YR event. Failure to enforce this section shall result in the automatic suspension of a local YR club. The suspension shall last for the quart of the year following the infraction.

ARTICLE V – CHARTERED YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUBS

SECTION 5.1 The FFYR shall have exclusive authority to grant the use of the name "Young Republican," "Young Professional Republican," "Young Republican Professionals," and all other youth auxiliary names, except for Teenage and College Republicans, and to grant the use of the YR emblem within the state of Florida or the insignia of the FFYR, and to charter Young Republican clubs in the state of Florida as provided in the FFYR By-laws. This authority is derived from the Republican National Committee through the creation of the Young Republican division of the Republican Party in 1931. This authority is further protected by Florida Statute 103.081.

SECTION 5.2 By accepting a charter from the FFYR each chartered club ratifies and agrees to be bound by this Constitution and the FFYR By-laws and any amendments to either document. In addition, by accepting a charter from the FFYR each chartered club agrees to be bound by, and must comply with, its own constitution and by-laws.

SECTION 5.3 Officers of each chartered club may be selected as provided by the club's constitution. Nevertheless, all chartered clubs shall have an elective form of government and all officers of chartered clubs must be elected by at least a simple majority of all voting members of the club. Vacancies between elections may be filled as provided by the club's constitution.

SECTION 5.4 The FFYR Executive Committee shall have authority to suspend or revoke the charter of any chartered club, as provided in the FFYR By-laws, if that club fails to comply with any provision of this Constitution or the FFYR By-laws or if that club fails to follow generally accepted standards of club conduct within the FFYR. The FFYR Executive Committee shall have sole discretion to determine what are generally accepted standards of club conduct within the FFYR.

SECTION 5.4 All Chartered Club Presidents shall be members of the Association of Club Presidents.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

SECTION 6.2 All officers shall serve without compensation. However, the Executive Committee may provide for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the execution of any officer's official duties.

SECTION 6.3 Nominations for the FFYR officers shall be made from the floor by accredited delegates of the FFYR Annual Convention, when the floor has been opened for nominations. The persons nominating and seconding the candidate must be from different regions, and neither can be from the region in which the candidate is from. Only nominations of qualified candidates will be accepted. Qualified candidates shall be defined within the governing documents of the FFYR.

SECTION 6.4 All nominees for FFYR offices shall have been an active member in good standing of a chartered club for at least one year and shall continue as an active participant in their club throughout their term in office. All nominees for FFYR office shall be at least eighteen (18) years old and not more than thirty-nine (39) years old inclusive. All nominees for FFYR offices must have attended at least two (2) FFYR Executive Committee business meetings as a member of the Executive Committee within the year preceding their nomination. All nominees for FFYR offices must be registered Republicans, live within the state of Florida and must not have a criminal record.

SECTION 6.5 If, for any reason, the office of Chairman becomes vacant the FFYR Vice-Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman for the remainder of the term of office and call a special election at the next officially noticed meeting of the Executive Committee to fill the office of Vice-Chairman. If the Vice-Chairman is unable or unwilling to assume the office of Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall serve as Acting Chairman until the next officially noticed meeting of the Executive Committee. At the meeting the FFYR Executive Committee shall hold a special election to fill the office of Chairman.

SECTION 6.6 If, for any reason, any FFYR office other than the office of Chairman becomes vacant the Chairman shall appoint a person qualified under this Article to fill the vacancy. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall take office immediately but must be confirmed by the Executive Committee at its next officially noticed meeting. If the Executive Committee declines to confirm the appointment the Chairman shall appoint

another person to be considered by the Executive Committee at its next officially noticed meeting.

SECTION 6.7 The FFYR Executive Committee shall have authority to remove any FFYR officer from office for cause as provided in the FFYR By-laws. Any vacancy created by removal from office under the FFYR By-laws shall be filled in the same manner as any other vacancy.

SECTION 6.8 The Chairman shall have the power to appoint an Executive Director to serve at his or her pleasure. However, the FFYR Executive Committee at its next meeting must confirm the Executive Director. If the Executive Committee declines to confirm the appointment, the Chairman shall appoint another person to be considered by the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting or may leave the position vacant. The Executive Director shall serve as a nonvoting member of the FFYR Executive Committee. The Executive Director may receive compensation as determined by the Executive Committee. The Executive Director must be a registered Republican, live within the state of Florida and must not have a criminal record.

SECTION 6.9 The Chairman shall have the power to appoint a General Counsel, as many Assistant General Counsels as he or she sees fits, and a Parliamentarian to serve at his or her pleasure. The FFYR Executive Committee at its next meeting must confirm these appointments. The persons appointed to fill the positions outlined in this section shall serve as nonvoting members of the FFYR Executive Committee. The General Counsel and any Assistant General Counsels must be members of the Florida Bar. Any Assistant General Counsel shall perform the duties as prescribed by the General Counsel. The persons appointed to fill the positions outlined in this section must be registered Republicans, live within the state of Florida and must not have a criminal record.

SECTION 6.10 In addition to the powers established in this Constitution, the officers of the FFYR shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as provided in the FFYR By-laws.

ARTICLE VII – REGIONS

SECTION 7.1 The FFYR shall be organized into regions. The Executive Committee as provided in the FFYR By-laws shall establish the boundaries of those regions. The primary considerations for establishing the region boundaries shall be the number of chartered clubs within the region, the efficient organization and administration of the FFYR, and the population of registered Republicans within the region. However, no region boundary may divide a county.

SECTION 7.2 Each region of the FFYR shall have a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The region Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall provide leadership within the region. They will seek to establish new chartered clubs and increase membership in existing chartered clubs. They will supervise and assist chartered clubs in the region and serve as liaison between the presidents of chartered clubs and the FFYR Executive Board. The Region

Chairmen shall be voting members of the FFYR Board and FFYR Executive Committee. The Vice Chairman shall only be considered a member of FFYR Board and FFYR Executive Committee if the Chairman is absent.

SECTION 7.3 All nominees for region Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall have been an active member in good standing of a chartered club within the region in which they are a candidate for at least four (4) months, except when the region consists of only one newly chartered club. The region Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall reside within the boundaries of the region for which they are elected and continue as residents of their region and active participants in their club throughout their term of office. All nominees for region Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be at least eighteen (18) years old and not more than thirty-nine (39) years old inclusive. The region Chairman and Vice-Chairman must be registered Republicans and must not have a criminal record.

SECTION 7.4 The region Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected by region caucuses at the FFYR annual convention as provided in the FFYR By-laws. They shall assume the duties of their office immediately upon adjournment of the caucus at which they are elected. Vacancies in the office Region Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be filled as provided in the FFYR By-laws. The region Chairman and Vice-Chairman may be removed from office for cause as provided in the FFYR By-laws. Any vacancy created by removal from office under the FFYR By-laws shall be filled in the same manner as any other vacancy.

SECTION 7.5 Each region shall caucus within the twenty-four (24) hour period preceding each Executive Committee meeting and within the twelve (12) hour period immediately following the adjournment of the annual convention. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or the FFYR By-laws, the region Chairman, region Vice-Chairman, and the president of each chartered club in the region shall be voting members of the region caucus. The region Chair shall give notice of the caucus by posting the notice at the registration desk for the meeting. In addition, the region Chair may call a caucus at any time by giving at least ten (10) days written notice of such caucus to the president of each chartered club within the region. The postmark on the notice shall determine when notice is given. A report of any business accomplished at a region caucus shall be submitted to the FFYR Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII – FFYR EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 8.1 All FFYR officers, FFYR region Chairmen, and the immediate past FFYR Chairman shall be members of the FFYR Executive Board. If the FFYR Chairman Pro-Tempore is a previous FFYR Chairman, he or she shall also be a voting member of the FFYR Board. No member of the FFYR Executive Board may serve as a compensated staff member of the FFYR. If the immediate past FFYR Chairman holds another office, the FFYR Board shall elect any previous FFYR Chairman to hold the position of FFYR Past Chairman on the Board, regardless of age.

SECTION 8.2 The FFYR Executive Board shall be responsible for the general functioning of the FFYR and shall have authority to act for the FFYR in all matters when the FFYR is not in convention and the FFYR Executive Committee is not meeting. The FFYR Executive Board shall meet at least four (4) times a year as provided in the FFYR By-laws.

SECTION 8.3 Any chartered club may appeal any action of the FFYR Executive Board at the next meeting of the FFYR Executive Committee. The president of the appealing club must submit a signed written notice of appeal to the FFYR Chairman by certified mail at least thirty (30) days before the next meeting of the FFYR Executive Committee. The FFYR Chairman shall immediately have copies of the notice of appeal mailed to all members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 8.4 The FFYR Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the FFYR Executive Board. If the FFYR Chairman is not present at any meeting of the FFYR Executive Board the FFYR Vice-Chairman shall preside. If both the FFYR Chairman and the FFYR Vice-Chairman are not present at any meetings of the FFYR Executive Board or FFYR Executive Committee the Chairman Pro-Tempore shall preside over the meeting. Chairman Pro-Tempore shall be elected by the FFYR Board and may be any member of the FFYR Board, other than the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, or he or she may be any previous FFYR Chairman, regardless of age.

SECTION 8.5 At least one-half of the members of the FFYR Executive Board must be present at any meeting in order to establish a quorum for transacting business. The Assistant Secretary shall serve on the Executive Board, and vote, only in the absence of the Secretary. The Assistant Treasurer shall serve on the Executive Board, and vote, only in the absence of the Treasurer. The person presiding over the meeting shall vote only to break a tie vote. All previous FFYR Chairman, regardless of age, shall serve as nonvoting members of the FFYR Board, unless they hold the voting position of FFYR Past Chairman.

ARTICLE IX – FFYR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 9.1 The members of the FFYR Executive Board and the president of each chartered club shall be voting members of the FFYR Executive Committee. The presidents of chartered clubs may vote by proxy as provided in the FFYR By-laws. All previous FFYR Chairman shall be voting members for the FFYR Executive Committee, regardless of age. All FFYR Committee Chairmen and FFYR statewide appointees shall serve as nonvoting members of the FFYR Executive Committee.

SECTION 9.2 The FFYR Executive Committee shall have authority to manage the business and affairs of the FFYR and to act for the FFYR in all matters when the FFYR is not in convention. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) times a year as provided in the FFYR By-laws.

SECTION 9.3 Any five (5) chartered clubs may appeal any action of the FFYR Executive Committee to the next annual convention. The presidents of the five (5) appealing clubs must submit a signed written notice of appeal to the FFYR Chairman by certified mail at least seventy-five (75) days before the next convention of the FFYR. The FFYR Secretary shall mail copies of the notice of appeal to the president of all chartered clubs, along with the call to convention, at least forty-five (45) days before convention.

SECTION 9.4 The FFYR Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the FFYR Executive Committee. If the FFYR Chairman is not present at any meeting of the FFYR Executive Committee, the FFYR Vice-Chairman shall preside. If both the FFYR Chairman and the FFYR Vice-Chairman are not present at any meeting of the FFYR Executive Committee Chairman Pro-Tempore shall preside over the meeting. If the FFYR Chairman, FFYR Vice-Chairman and FFYR Chairman Pro-Tempore are not present, the FFYR Executive Committee members may elect a new FFYR Chairman Pro-Tempore.

SECTION 9.5 At least thirty percent (30%) of the members of the FFYR Executive Committee or their proxies as provided for in the FFYR By-laws, must be present at any meeting in order to establish a quorum for transacting business. The person presiding over the meeting shall vote only to break a tie vote.

ARTICLE X – CONVENTIONS

SECTION 10.1 The FFYR shall hold a convention each year as provided by the FFYR By-laws. The site of the convention shall be selected by a vote of the qualified delegates at the previous annual convention. The date of the FFYR convention in odd numbered years shall be at least twenty-five (25) days before the opening of the biennial convention of any national organization for which the FFYR is a member. The FFYR Secretary shall mail an official call to convention to the president of all chartered clubs at least forty-five (45) days before the convention.

SECTION 10.2 Each chartered club shall be entitled to five (5) convention delegates. In addition, each chartered club shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for every ten (10) active members, beginning with the twentieth (20th) active member, up to one hundred and eighty (180) active members. Furthermore, each chartered club shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for every twenty (20) active members, beginning with the two hundredth (200th) active member. Each chartered club is entitled to a number of alternate delegates equal to the number of delegates to which it is entitled. Alternate delegates need not be matched to a particular delegate but shall fill vacancies in a club's delegation as determined by the Chairman of each club's delegation. Members of the Executive Board and FFYR Chairmen Emeritus (regardless of age) shall be entitled to vote as super-delegates and shall not count against the total number of delegates to which their club is entitled.

SECTION 10.3 The credentials of every delegate must be approved by the credentials committee as provided in the FFYR By-laws before that delegate can vote as a qualified

delegate. The region Chairmen shall be members of the Credentials Committee. The FFYR Chairman shall appoint a Credentials Committee Chairman from among the region Chairmen as provided in the FFYR By-laws.

SECTION 10.4 Each chartered club may provide in its own constitution or by-laws for the method by which it will select its delegates and alternates to FFYR Conventions. However, all delegates must be active members of the chartered club. If the constitution or by-laws of a chartered club do not provide for any method to select delegates and alternates the officers of the club shall establish a selection method.

SECTION 10.5 On all matters brought before any FFYR Convention each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

SECTION 10.6 The FFYR Convention shall adopt a Platform. The Platform Committee shall develop a proposed Platform as provided in the FFYR By-laws and submit it to the convention for consideration after the election of FFYR officers. The Platform shall be adopted by a majority vote of the qualified delegates present or represented by qualified alternates.

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

SECTION 11.1 The FFYR shall have standing committees and convention committees as provided in the FFYR By-laws. The FFYR Chairman shall appoint chairs of FFYR standing committees and convention committees at his or her sole discretion and they shall perform the duties as provided in the FFYR By-laws. However, the chairs of all FFYR standing committees and convention committees shall be registered Republicans, live within the state of Florida and must not have a criminal record. The FFYR Chairman shall appoint the members of FFYR standing committees and convention committees at his or her sole discretion. All FFYR Committee Chairmen shall serve as nonvoting members of the FFYR Executive Committee.

SECTION 11.2 The FFYR Chairman shall have authority to establish any special committees that he or she may believe are necessary to accomplish certain tasks. The Chairs and members of any special committees shall be appointed by the FFYR Chairman at his or her sole discretion and shall perform the duties outlined by the Chairman. However, the chairs of any special committees shall be registered Republicans, live within the state of Florida and must not have a criminal record. All FFYR Special Committee Chairmen and Directors shall serve as nonvoting members of the FFYR Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII – YOUNG REPUBLICAN NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 12.1 The FFYR Chairman, FFYR Vice-Chairman, FFYR National Committeeman, FFYR National Committeewoman, and FFYR Past Chairman shall constitute the Convention Delegate Selection Committee for any national convention in which Florida has a right to vote. The Convention Delegate Selection Committee shall

select all FFYR delegates to Young Republican National Conventions as provided in the FFYR By-laws. All FFYR delegates to national conventions must be registered Republicans, must have been active members of a chartered club for at least four (4) months, unless there are openings to fill, and must not have a criminal record. The FFYR Chairman shall serve as chairman of the FFYR delegation to all national convention.

SECTION 12.2 Any member of the FFYR who is appointed to a national position by a national YR organization must receive the approval of the majority of the FFYR Board to hold the position. Failure to do so shall result in the automatic revocation of his or her membership for a period of no less than two (2) years.

SECTION 12.3 No members of the FFYR may serve on the national or state delegation for another state. Any YRs residing in Florida, and serving on another state delegation, shall have his or her membership revoked or denied for a period of no less than five (5) years.

ARTICLE XIII – BY-LAWS

The FFYR shall adopt by-laws that are consistent with this Constitution and outline additional provisions for the government of the FFYR. The FFYR By-laws may be amended as provided in such By-laws. Further, the FFYR shall be governed by the most recently published edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, except where inconsistent with this Constitution or the FFYR By-laws.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 14.1 This Constitution or any provision of it may be amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the qualified delegates present or represented by qualified alternates at any annual convention of the FFYR.

SECTION 14.2 Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the FFYR Chairman and the FFYR Secretary at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the FFYR Annual Convention. Any proposed amendment must be signed by members of at least five (5) different chartered clubs who ultimately become qualified delegates to the convention at which the proposed amendment will be considered.

SECTION 14.3 The Constitution and By-laws committee shall review all proposed amendments to ensure that they do not conflict with other parts of the Constitution and By-laws. The committee shall report its findings to the convention prior to any debate on the proposed amendment.

SECTION 14.4 The FFYR Secretary shall mail to the Executive Board and the president of each chartered club a copy of the proposed amendment and a notice that it will be voted on at the next convention. This notice shall be mailed at least twenty (20) days prior to the convention.

ARTICLE XV – ADOPTION

This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon the close of the convention in which it is amended or adopted, and shall supersede any Constitution and/or By-laws previously adopted by the FFYR.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tres' Holton, FFYR Constitution and By-laws Committee Chairman

The undersigned officers of the FFYR certify that this Constitution was duly adopted by the Florida Federation of Young Republican Clubs on the 3rd day of June, 2006.

Jon Woodard, FFYR Chairman

Dana Swanson, FFYR Secretary