

CONSTITUTION

of the Hawaii State Federation of Young Republicans

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PREAMBLE

The Hawaii State Federation of Young Republicans, also known as Hawaii Young Republicans, is hereby established with the intent to maintain an official charter under the Young Republicans National Federation. The YRNF is the oldest grassroots political youth organization in the United States and plays a vital role in the growth of the Republican Party. The Young Republican National Federation reaches out to registered Republicans, 18 to 40 years of age, and provides them with better political knowledge, understanding of the issues of the day, and essential grassroots support for Republican candidates and conservative issues on the local, state, and national levels.

Every day, we realize our obligation to strengthen the Republican Party by reaching out to younger Republicans and fulfilling our mission. We are here to educate and prepare the Republican leaders of tomorrow.

ARTICLE I - CORPORATION

Section 1.01 – Title

The legal title of the organization shall be the Hawaii State Federation of Young Republicans (HSFYR) and Hawaii Young Republicans (HYR), hereinafter referred to as Young Republicans, as it appears throughout this Constitution.

- (a) Hawaii State Federation of Young Republicans (HSFYR) is the official corporation name registered with the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Internal Revenue Service, and associated with its assigned EIN.
- (b) Hawaii Young Republicans (HYR) is an officially registered tradename applicable for all business matters and transactions.

Section 1.02 – Purpose

The Purpose of the Young Republicans shall be to:

- (a) To recruit, train, and elect young Republican professionals throughout Hawaii and to be an effective organization in registering and electing Republicans to office. We strive to articulate conservative principles of limited government, separation of powers, and individual liberty.
- (b) Support the Young Republican National Federation, the Republican National Committee, the Hawaii Republican Party, and the advocacy of Young Republicans.
- (c) Support the mission and goals set forth by the Young Republican National Federation (YRNF) and the platform of the Republican National Committee and the Hawaii Republican Party.

- (d) Direct, manage, supervise, and control its business, property, and funds and do all other things necessary to accomplish its objectives.
- (e) Create, charter, supervise, and coordinate chapters of the Young Republicans throughout the state of Hawaii.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.01 – Structure

The Young Republicans shall comprise chapters of Young Republicans in the state of Hawaii and an at-large membership.

- (a) The Executive Committee will accept at-large membership while forming chapters is actualized as the organization grows. The Executive Committee shall adopt bylaws detailing an application process and fee(s) for membership.

Section 2.02 – One Charter

The Young Republicans shall issue no more than one charter per county as defined and recognized by the Hawaii Republican Party (i.e., Honolulu County, East Hawaii County, West Hawaii County, Maui County, Kauai County).

- (a) Each chartered county of the Young Republicans shall be referred to hereinafter as a chartered club or chapter.

Section 2.03 – Eligibility

Membership applications of the Young Republicans shall be considered without discrimination based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, color, disability, national origin, or marital status.

- (a) Membership in the Young Republicans is inclusive upon payment of annual member dues, to be set each year by the Executive Board. Members must be between the ages of 18-40, registered to vote in the State of Hawaii and attest to being a Republican who will support the principles of the Republican Party and abide by its rules.

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3.01 – Powers and Duties

The Executive Committee of the Young Republicans is vested with the powers and duties provided by this Constitution, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) To exercise general supervision of the Young Republicans and its chapters.
- (b) To recognize and charter new chapters in the state.

- (c) To approve a budget, fee schedule, contracts, and other appropriations.
- (d) To require reports from any officer, committee, chapter, and employee of the Young Republicans.
- (e) To approve the compensation of officers, appointees, and employees of the Young Republicans.
- (f) To adopt policies for the governance of the Young Republicans, its chapters and members.
- (g) To conduct the business of the organization and make decisions on its behalf.
- (h) To coordinate and implement the goals, policies, and initiatives of the YRNF within the Young Republicans, its chapters, and members.
- (i) To exercise other authorities and responsibilities as prescribed by this Constitution.

Section 3.02 – Composition

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers of the Young Republicans, including the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, and the elected Chairman of any chartered club in good standing.

- (a) The Chairman may appoint other non-voting officers to the Executive Committee as deemed necessary to carry out particular tasks.
- (b) The Immediate Past Chairman shall be a non-voting officer of the Executive Committee and shall not have a vote at an Executive Committee meeting. The Immediate Past Chairman is the last elected chairman from the previous administration. He/she must have been duly elected at a State Convention of the Young Republicans and not appointed or otherwise selected and put in place.

Section 3.03 – Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times annually. The Chairman may call special meetings as deemed necessary, or 1/3rd of the voting members of the Executive Committee may call a special meeting by written petition. The Chairman shall notify members of the Executive Committee of any meeting at least seven days before the meeting date via email or first-class mail. A majority of the Executive Committee may waive the meeting notice requirement as necessary. The Executive Committee may conduct a meeting by telephone or other electronic conference reasonably accessible to all voting members.

Section 3.04 – Attendance

An elected officer of the Executive Committee who misses three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee shall immediately cease to hold such office unless a majority of the Executive Committee votes to waive this provision.

Section 3.05 – Quorum

A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at least half of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3.06 – Proxies

Members of the Executive Committee shall not vote by proxy.

Section 3.07 – Membership Roster

All members of the Executive Committee shall have access to the current membership roster for the explicit purpose of doing business for Young Republicans. Membership information should not be used for personal use or other business. From time to time the membership list may be shared with other parties for Young Republican business as ordered by the Chairman.

Section 3.08 – Residency

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer must be residents of the state of Hawaii for the duration of their term in office. Residency shall be established by proof of permanent domicile within the state, as determined by applicable legal standards. Failure to maintain residency within the state shall result in immediate forfeiture of the respective office unless otherwise waived by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 4.01 – General Meetings

There shall be at least two general meetings of the Young Republicans each calendar year; one between January and June and one between July and December.

- (a) The Chairman shall set the date and location of each meeting.
- (b) The Chairman or Secretary shall notify, in writing by first-class mail or electronic mail, the Executive Committee and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each chartered club in good standing, of the date, time, and location of a meeting no later than 30 days before the meeting date.
- (c) The Chairman or Secretary shall notify, in writing by first-class mail or via electronic mail, the Young Republican National Federation Chairman, Co-Chairman, Vice

Chairman, and Regional Vice Chair of the date, time, and location of a meeting no later than 30 days before the meeting date.

- (d) The Chairman or Secretary shall notify, in writing by first-class mail or via electronic mail, the at-large membership of the Young Republicans of the date, time, and location of a meeting no later than 30 days before the meeting date.

Section 4.02 – State Convention

The Young Republicans shall hold a state convention annually between May 1st and October 1st.

- (a) The Chairman shall set the convention's date, time, and location.
- (b) The Chairman or Secretary shall notify, in writing by first-class mail or electronic mail, the Executive Committee, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each chartered club in good standing, of the date, time, and location of a meeting no later than 60 days before the convention.
- (c) The Chairman or Secretary shall notify, in writing by first-class mail or via electronic mail, the Young Republican National Federation Chairman, Co-Chairman, Vice Chairman, Regional Vice Chair, and Executive Director of the date, time, and location of a meeting no later than 60 days before the convention.
- (d) The Chairman or Secretary shall notify, in writing by first-class mail or via electronic mail, the at-large membership of the Young Republicans of the date, time, and location of a meeting no later than 60 days before the convention.
- (e) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at state conventions held in even years.
- (f) The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected at state conventions held in odd years.

Section 4.03 – Voting Rights

The following shall have voting rights at a general meeting and state convention of the Young Republicans:

- (a) In the organization's infancy, participation from the body is needed and encouraged. To make participation accessible to as many as possible, all active members of the Young Republicans in good standing, including each voting member of the Executive Committee, shall be entitled to a single vote.
 - 1. Votes by officers and members shall be in addition to any votes the individual may also qualify for under items (b) and (c) described below.

- (b) Any elected officer of the Young Republican National Federation residing in the state shall be entitled to one vote based on the position as an officer of the YRNF.
- (c) Each chapter, if any, in good standing shall be entitled to one vote for every five active chapter members.
 - 1. A chapter shall receive one vote for each delegate present up to the maximum number of votes they are entitled to.

Section 4.04 – Delegates to the Young Republicans

Each chapter's chair shall appoint delegates to the Young Republicans from among its current membership.

- (a) Each chapter shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each vote they are allotted under Section 4.03. If a delegate cannot cast a vote, an alternate may assume the responsibility.
- (b) Each chapter must submit a list of delegates and alternates to the Secretary by one week prior to the meeting or state convention.

Section 4.05 – Quorum

- (a) State Convention. At least one-fifth of the current active membership shall constitute a quorum for a convention.
- (b) General Meeting. At least one-fifth of the current active membership shall constitute a quorum for a general meeting.
- (c) Those committee members present shall constitute a quorum for a committee meeting.

Section 4.06 – Special Reorganization Meeting

In the event that the Young Republicans lose their charter with the Young Republicans National Federation, a Special Reorganization Meeting may be convened to quickly reestablish its charter.

- (a) Special Rules: Special rules for the conduct of the Special Reorganization Meeting may be adopted by the members present at the meeting. These special rules shall govern the proceedings of the meeting and may include provisions for the amendment of the Hawaii State Federation of Young Republican's Constitution and Bylaws with less stringent requirements than those outlined.
- (b) Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws: The entire constitution and bylaws of the Young Republicans may be changed or amended at the Special Reorganization Meeting, subject to the special rules adopted for the meeting.

- (c) Quorum: A quorum for the Special Reorganization Meeting shall be determined in accordance with the special rules adopted for the meeting.
- (d) Adoption of Changes: Any changes or amendments to the constitution and bylaws adopted at the Special Reorganization Meeting shall take effect immediately following its adoption unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE V - ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Chairman shall appoint former Young Republicans, Hawaii Republican Party leaders, Republican elected officials, and prominent Young Republican supporters to the Young Republicans Advisory Council. The council shall advise the Chairman, provide recommendations to the Executive Committee and support the efforts of the Young Republicans. The Advisory Council shall be limited to five members (including the two Senior Advisors).

Section 5.01 – Formation & Disbandment

The Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman may appoint individuals to the Advisory Council with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Chairman may dismiss members of their Advisory Council at any time.

Section 5.02 – Senior Advisors

To support efficient transitions between administrations, the Chairman shall appoint the following Senior Advisors:

- (a) Past Chairman: the Chairman shall appoint any past elected chairman of the Young Republicans who is in good standing with the Republican Party.
- (b) Hawaii Republican Party (HRP) Officer: the Chairman shall appoint any officer of the Hawaii Republican Party including but not limited to officers from the County and State levels who have previously served on the Advisory Council.
- (c) Senior Advisors shall have access to the current membership roster and other files as ordered by the Chairman for the explicit purpose of Young Republican business.

Section 5.03 – Advisory Council Meetings

Advisory Council meetings may be called by the Chairman or Senior Advisors. A quorum for meetings of the Advisory Council shall be those members present. Meetings may be held via telephone or other electronic conference which is reasonably available to all council members.

- (a) The Advisory Council is welcome to attend any meeting or convention of the Young Republicans as non-voting members.

ARTICLE VI - AFFILIATION

Section 6.01 – YRNF

The Young Republicans is a member of the Young Republican National Federation and shall adhere to its governing documents.

- (a) If the Young Republicans should lose its charter with the Young Republican National Federation, the Executive Committee will temporarily retain their position and power granted to them by the Constitution & Bylaws of the Young Republicans at a state level and must take immediate action to regain its charter. A special Reorganization Meeting must be called no later than 60 days from the loss of the charter. The Executive Committee will effectively resign at the start of the special meeting, and all positions will be open for election.
- (b) Until such a charter is restored, the Senior Advisors of the Advisory Council shall temporarily be appointed to the Executive Committee as voting members to ensure action is taken accordingly and the future of the Young Republicans is handled carefully.

Section 6.02 – Delegates to YRNF

Delegates and alternate delegates to the Young Republican National Federation shall be appointed by the Chairman, with confirmation by a majority of the Executive Committee.

- (a) Members of the Executive Committee are responsible for helping recruit delegates from across the state and may recommend nominees to the Chairman.
- (b) The Chairman, or his designee, shall serve as head of the delegation to the YRNF.
- (c) The Young Republicans delegates shall vote unit rule at the National Convention on all matters. Unit Rule may be removed only by a 2/3rds vote of the entire delegation.

Section 6.03 - HRP

The Young Republicans are a recognized Republican auxiliary by the State Committee of the Hawaii Republican Party. Young Republican members are encouraged, but not required, to also register membership with the Hawaii Republican Party.

ARTICLE VII - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 7.01 – Robert’s Rules of Order

The procedure in this organization shall be governed by the Young Republicans governing documents and the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, unless the Executive Committee or the Convention has approved other rules. In all voting, the majority shall rule unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution or the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII - AUTHORITY

Section 8.01 – Supremacy

This Constitution hereby serves as a revocation of any previous constitution and establishes supremacy over previous governing documents of the Young Republicans or the organization's previous incarnations.

Section 8.02 – Severability

The provisions of these bylaws are hereby declared severable. If any provision of this Constitution shall ever be deleted or amended, such deletion or amendment shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision thereof.

ARTICLE IX - CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Section 9.01 – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3rds vote at a convention of the Young Republicans.

- (a) Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be submitted in writing or electronically and received by the Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee with at least ten signatures of active members in support.
- (b) The Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chairman will report on any proposed amendments at the next general meeting, along with the committee's recommendation. An affirmative majority vote is required to allow the proposed amendment to be ratified at the next convention of the Young Republicans.
- (c) Each amendment shall require at least a two-thirds affirmative vote cast at the following state convention to be adopted and ratified.
- (d) Amendments may also be proposed and adopted at a Special Reorganization Meeting as provided in HSFYR Const. §4.06(b).

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