

Schuylkill County Young Republicans Constitution

Article I (Name and Objectives)

Section 1

The name of the organization shall be the Schuylkill County Young Republicans.

Section 2

The objectives of the organization (hereinafter “the Association”) shall be:

1. To develop an aggressive, intelligent and serviceable Young Republican association.
2. To bring young people into the Republican Party and to provide them an opportunity for political expression and recognition.
3. To train young people as effective political leaders.
4. To work with the Republican National Committee, the Republican State Committee and the Schuylkill County Republican Committee.
5. To support the official platform of the Republican National Committee and the principles upon which our Nation was founded as articulated in the U.S. Constitution.

Section 3

The Association may be affiliated with the Young Republicans of Pennsylvania and the Young Republican National Federation.

Article II (Membership)

Members of the Association shall be classified as active, associate, and sustaining members, as defined by the Bylaws.

Article III (Officers)

Section 1

The elected officers of the Association shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 2

The officers shall be elected by the members of the Association at the annual meeting, except in the event a vacancy in office occurs.

Section 3

The term of elected officers shall begin at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected and extend for a period of one (1) year.

Article IV (Board of Directors)

Section 1

The Chairman, with the majority approval of the officers, shall appoint all members of the Board of Directors. The appointment of directors shall be based upon the members' willingness and ability to serve.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall serve as an advisory body to the Chairman. The number and the duties of the Directors shall be at the discretion of the Chairman.

Article V (Meetings)

Section 1

The general membership of the Association shall meet on a monthly basis at the call of the Chairman.

Section 2

The annual meeting of the Association shall occur in January of each year.

Section 3

Special meetings can be called under conditions established by the Bylaws.

Article VI (Elections)

Section 1

Any individual who meets the requirements for active membership, as outlined in the Bylaws, for not less than 60 days prior to the date of the annual meeting is eligible to serve as an officer.

Section 2

Any individual who meets the requirements for active membership, as outlined in the Bylaws, for not less than 30 days prior to the date of the annual meeting shall be entitled to a vote at the election.

Section 3

Voting by proxy in elections is permitted, under conditions established by the Bylaws.

Article VII (Vacancies)

Section 1

A vacancy in elective office shall be filled by a majority vote of the active membership of the Association at a regular meeting of the Association.

Section 2

Notice of the need to fill such vacancy shall be given to the active membership in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which said vacancy is to be filled.

Section 3

The individual elected to fill the vacancy shall serve the remainder the previous officer's term of office.

Section 4

A vacancy in office may be declared by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the active membership when an officer fails to discharge the duties of his office. This determination shall be made under conditions established by the Bylaws.

Article VIII (Parliamentary Provisions)

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern at all proceedings except where inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

Article IX (Amendments)

Section 1

The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of active members present at a general meeting.

Section 2

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at a general meeting.

Section 3

Notice of a meeting where proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws will be presented shall be given to the membership at the general meeting immediately preceding the meeting where the amendments will be considered and shall include the substance of the proposed amendment.

Article X (Effective Date of Constitution)

The Constitution shall take effect on November 22, 2004 and shall serve as a revocation of all prior and/or undated Constitutions.

Article XI (Severability)

This Constitution shall be deemed severable and separately enforceable and should any provision be invalidated or declared void of all of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Schuylkill County Young Republicans Bylaws

Article I (Introduction)

Section 1

These Bylaws constitute the code of rules adopted by the Schuylkill County Young Republicans (hereinafter “the Association”) for the regulation and management of its affairs.

Section 2

This Association will have the purposes as stated in its Constitution, Article I and the powers granted to it by law, its Constitution, and these Bylaws.

Article II (Membership)

Section 1

Active Members shall be those registered Republicans from 18 to 40 years of age, inclusive, who have paid their current dues and live or work in Schuylkill County. Active members shall enjoy all privileges of membership and may vote on any matters before the Association, and are the only members who may vote in elections and run for office.

Section 2

Associate Members shall be those registered Republicans from 18 to 40 years of age, inclusive, who have paid their current dues but do not live or work in Schuylkill County. Associate Members shall have the ability to vote on any general matters before the Association which are not limited to active members pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. Associate members shall enjoy all other privileges of membership.

Section 3

Sustaining Members shall be those registered Republicans who live or work in Schuylkill County, but who are beyond 40 years of age. They shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except those of voting and running for office.

Section 4

Dues of the Association for a given year shall be set by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting in the previous year. Dues shall run on an annual basis and become due as of January 1 of the year.

Section 5

All expenditures over the amount of fifty (\$50) dollars must be approved by a vote of the Active and Associate members at a meeting of the Association.

Article III (Powers and Duties of Officers)

Section 1

Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Chairman shall have general supervision over the development of the Association's programs. The Chairman shall also have the power to call monthly Association meetings, set the date for elections, call and set the agenda for meetings, make appointments, establish committees, select delegates, and carry out directives of the membership.

Section 2

Vice Chairman: The Vice-Chairman shall temporarily assume all responsibilities of the Chairman in the event of absence or vacancy of the Chairman and otherwise discharge any responsibilities delegated by the Chairman.

Section 3

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall manage the finances of the Association and shall deposit Association funds, disburse all monies, maintain an accurate accounting of Association finances and issue a report at every meeting to the membership.

Section 4

Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all membership meetings, sending out meeting notices, keeping all files and maintaining an updated membership roll. This roll shall be provided to any member upon request.

Section 5

All incoming officers shall be provided copies of the Constitution and Bylaws in their most recently revised form.

Article IV (Board of Directors)

Section 1

The directors' term of office shall be concurrent with that of the officers except that directors may be appointed at any time.

Section 2

Meetings of the Board of Directors are called by the Chairman, or at least fifty percent (50%) of the directors. Reasonable notice of each meeting shall be provided to all officers and directors to attend at least seven (7) days prior to each meeting. This notice shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting.

Section 3

Directors can be removed from the Board for any reason at the request of the Chairman and the consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the officers (including the Chairman).

Section 4

Vacancies on the Board of Directors will be filled at the discretion of the Chairman, with the majority approval of the officers.

Article V (Meetings)

Section 1

Reasonable notice of each meeting shall be provided to every member eligible to attend at least seven (7) days prior to each meeting. This notice shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting.

Section 2

If sixty (60) days pass without notice of a general meeting, the office of Chairman shall be declared vacant. The Vice Chairman shall then, within a reasonable time, call a general meeting to fill the vacancy under the terms of Article VII (Vacancies).

Section 3

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Chairman, any two officers, or at least twenty percent (20%) of the Active and Associate membership of the Association. The person or persons calling the special meeting must conform to the notice provision in Section 1 of this Article. In addition, the notice of the special meeting must include the names of the persons calling the meeting and the purpose of the special meeting, and the meeting agenda is limited to only the items contained in the notice.

Article VI (Voting)

Section 1

All active and associate members shall have the power to vote on any general matters before the Association notwithstanding votes which are specifically designated by the Constitution and Bylaws to be for active members only, including, but not limited to, voting in the election of officers.

Section 2

The Chairman may only vote in the election of officers and to break a tie on a motion.

Section 3

Voting by proxy is only permitted during the election of officers under the provisions of Article VII of these Bylaws and is not permitted for any other votes by the membership.

Article VII (Elections)

Section 1

The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting of the Association, which shall occur in January of each year. The date of the annual meeting must be given to the general membership in writing by November 1.

Section 2

An election committee shall be appointed by the Chairman, approved by the Officers and announced to the Association at the November regular meeting. The committee shall have the authority to prescribe the methods and requirements for conducting the election.

Section 3

A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election. In the event that any ballot cast does not show a majority for any candidate for any office, there shall be further ballots cast with the two nominees until one nominee has received a majority of all votes cast.

Section 4

The election of officers shall be in this order: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 5

Two (2) proxies per active member eligible to vote shall be permitted for the purpose of electing officers. The proxy shall be in writing and carried by an active member eligible to vote only. All proxies must be signed and submitted to the Secretary prior to the call to order of the meeting. No absentee ballots shall be permitted.

Section 6

An officer may succeed himself in the same office; however, an individual is prohibited from serving more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. A person who fills a vacancy in an elective office in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution shall not have been deemed to have run for purposes of succeeding himself, for the purposes of this Section.

Section 7

In the event that no election is called within the prescribed time, the office of Chairman shall become vacant. The Vice Chairman shall then call for elections to be held within the next 30 days.

Section 8

In the event that no election is called by February 1, twenty-five percent (25%) of the active membership can call an election within Schuylkill County to be presided over by their designee. The members calling the election shall provide notice to the outgoing officers and other active members no less than fourteen (14) days from the date of the election. The designee shall carry out the election as prescribed in Article III of these Bylaws.

Article VIII (Removal from Office)

Section 1

Any officer who misses three (3) consecutive meetings shall automatically cease to hold such office unless two-thirds (2/3) of the active membership, at the meeting of the third absence, votes to waive this provision.

Section 2

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Association, Article VII, Section 4, the active membership may remove an officer when an officer fails to discharge the duties of his office. For the active membership to remove an officer, twenty percent (20%) of the active membership must give the officer and other members seven (7) days' written notice of their intention to remove the officer, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting at which the removal vote is to occur and the reason the members wish to remove the officer. Prior to the vote at said meeting, the officer will have the opportunity to respond to the charges of the members wishing to remove him. The active membership shall remove an officer by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the active membership.

Article IX (Election Endorsements and Resolutions)

Section 1

The Association recognizes every primary as an "open primary", and therefore, shall not endorse candidates for any office before the party primary and shall not be bound by the endorsement of any other organization. The Association encourages candidates to seek the support of our individual members and encourages members to assist any primary campaign they personally deem appropriate.

Section 2

No officer shall take a public position on any candidate or issue in the name of the Association without prior approval of the membership.

Article X (Effective Date of By-Laws)

The By-Laws shall take effect on November 22, 2004, and shall serve as a revocation of all prior and/or undated by-laws.

Article XI (Severability)

These By-Laws shall be deemed severable and separately enforceable and should any provision be invalidated or declared void all the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.