



Sarasota Young Republicans Official Bylaws

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Article I: Name, Mission, and Objectives

Section 1: Name and Served Territory

- A. The Official Name of the Organization shall be the Sarasota Young Republicans, hereinafter referred to as the “Club” and/or “SRQYR”.
- B. The Club shall be the default home club, as defined in Article III, Section 1(C) of the FLYR Bylaws, for all Young Republicans in Sarasota County, Florida and Manatee County, Florida.
 - 1. This designation shall not prohibit the club from admitting members to its ranks who reside or are registered outside of Sarasota and Manatee Counties, nor shall it prohibit YRs residing outside of Sarasota and Manatee Counties from selecting the club as their home club.

Section 2: Mission and Objectives

- A. The mission of the Club is to form an association of friendships based on fidelity and fraternity and to encourage young people to become involved with upholding, developing, and influencing the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party through the development and maintenance of a Young Republican organization.
- B. Furthermore, it is the mission of the Sarasota Young Republicans to provide its members with the opportunities for political and individual self-development, political expression, recognition, education on the political process, and a practical means by which they may contribute to the development and betterment of the Republican Party as a service to the United States of America, the great State of Florida, the Greater Tampa Bay Area, and Sarasota and Manatee Counties by working for the election of duly nominated Republican candidates.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Classes of Membership and Payment of Membership Dues

- A. The Club shall maintain the following classes of membership:
 - 1. Active Membership
 - a. Active Membership shall be defined as any member who:
 - i. Has applied for Active Membership,
 - ii. Has paid the applicable annual dues for Active Membership,
 - iii. Is a registered Republican,
 - iv. Is a Resident of the State of Florida,
 - v. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age but not over forty (40) years of age on the first day of the month in which they have applied for membership
 - b. Only Active Members receive the full benefits of Active Membership, including but not limited to:
 - i. Hold an Elected Club Office
 - ii. Hold voting rights for club elections
 - iii. Attending Member-Only Events
 - c. For official reporting to the Florida Young Republicans, including calculation of Delegates to state conventions, only the club’s Active Members may be included.
 - 2. Associate Membership

- a. Associate Membership shall be defined as any member who:
 - i. Does not meet the qualifications for Active Membership
 - ii. Has applied for Associate Membership
 - iii. Has paid the applicable annual dues for Associate Membership
- b. Associate Members shall have all rights and privileges of Active Membership, with the following exceptions:
 - i. Associate Members may NOT hold an Elected Club Office
 - ii. Associate Members do NOT have voting rights
- 3. Honorary Membership
 - a. Honorary Membership is defined as any member who:
 - i. Has served as a previous Chairman of this Club, or
 - ii. Has been designated for a single honor by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the executive board of the club.
 - b. Honorary Members shall hold all rights and privileges of Active Membership, so long as they meet all requirements for Active Membership as defined in Section 1(A)(1) of this article.

Section 2: Assessment and Payment of Membership Dues

- A. Membership in any class as outlined in this Article is contingent upon the member paying the assessed dues for their class of membership as outlined in this section.
- B. The assessed dues as outlined in this section are to be considered a 'Minimum' Amount, and thereafter the Executive Board of the club shall have the right to increase the cost of dues via a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in favor of the increased cost.
- C. Active Membership Annual Dues
 - 1. \$50.00/year for Individuals
 - 2. \$90.00/year for Couples
 - 3. \$35.00/year for those Active Members who are:
 - a. High School Students who are eighteen (18) years of age,
 - b. Undergraduate students at a College or University,
 - c. Currently serving in any Branch of the US Armed Forces,
 - d. Veterans of any Branch of the US Armed Forces,
 - e. First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS), and/or
 - f. Healthcare Workers (Doctors, RNs, PCTs, etc.)
- D. Associate Membership Annual Dues
 - 1. \$80.00/year for Individuals
 - 2. \$110.00/year for Couples
 - 3. \$35.00/year for those Associate Members who are
 - a. Currently serving in any Branch of the US Armed Forces,
 - b. Veterans of any Branch of the US Armed Forces,
 - c. First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS), and/or
 - d. Healthcare Workers (Doctors, RNs, PCTs, etc.)
 - 4. \$0.00/year for Associate Members who are:
 - a. Currently attending High School, and
 - b. Are under eighteen (18) years of age

- E. Honorary Membership Annual Dues
 - 1. \$0.00/year
- F. The Club may accept dues payments via the following methods:
 - 1. Cash
 - 2. Check
 - 3. Credit & Debit Cards
 - 4. Electronic Payment Methods, including but not limited to:
 - a. Zelle
 - b. PayPal
 - c. Venmo
- G. The Club may choose to create an automatic payment plan for members to pay dues on an annual basis.
 - 1. For members who choose to participate in said automatic payment plan, dues shall be assessed annually on the anniversary of their first payment of dues.
 - 2. For members who do not elect to participate in said automatic payment plan, dues shall be assessed annually on the 1st of the Month in which the member had joined the club.
 - a. i.e.: All members who joined in the Month of October (regardless of year) will have their Annual Dues payment due by October 1st of every year.

Section 3: New Members

- A. To become a Member of any Membership class of the Club, a person must:
 - 1. Submit an Application for Membership
 - a. This shall include Online (Electronic) and Paper Applications
 - 2. Submit Payment of the applicable dues, as outlined in Section 2 of this Article, with their application to be a member of the club.
 - 3. Meet all requirements, as outlined in Section 1 of this Article, for the class of membership for which the new member is applying.
- B. For New Active Members, the new member shall have their voting rights instated after a 90-day probationary period.

Section 4: Expulsion of Members

- A. Any active member may propose the expulsion of another member by delivering to the Executive Board a written call for Expulsion
 - 1. Said petition shall only be accepted by the board if signed by at least 20% of active members of the club.
- B. The Chairman shall place the removal proceedings on the agenda of the next Board meeting after receipt of the Petition for Expulsion and shall notify the Secretary.
- C. The Secretary shall send written notice of removal proceedings to the accused member under consideration.
 - 1. Said notice shall be sent by E-Mail, delivery receipt requested, and by any other means likely to reach said member and be transmitted at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.

2. Said notice shall include the grounds for removal as well as the time and place of the meeting at which removal is to be considered.
- D. The accused shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which removal is to be considered.
 - E. After the closure of Removal Proceedings, the Board may, by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) Majority Vote of the Executive Board in favor of expulsion, expel the member.
 1. The Secretary shall, within 5 days of the decision to Expel the accused member, send written notice via electronic mail, delivery receipt requested, of the board's decision to all involved parties.

Article III: Executive Board

Section 1: In General, Powers and Duties, Meetings

- A. The Executive Board, hereinafter also referred to as 'the Board', is the general governing body of the organization for all its business affairs, and accordingly is responsible for the management and direction of all club activities.
- B. At minimum, the Executive Board, hereinafter referred to as 'the Board', shall consist of those positions, elected by the Active Members of the Club, as defined in Section 2 of this article.
- C. In addition to those positions elected by the Active Members of the Club and defined in Section 2 of this article, the Board shall also be composed of officers appointed by the club Chairman as defined in Section 3 of this article.
- D. The Board shall hold a regular meeting on a certain weekday of the month.
 1. The Board shall have a minimum of eight general meetings per year.
 2. The board may also choose to hold additional official meetings as it sees fit.
 3. The Board may choose to hold its general meetings electronically via Google Meets, Zoom, or any other predetermined means of electronic communication.
- E. All members of the board must be informed of the location, time, and general nature of business of the meeting by E-Mail at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.
- F. Special meetings may be called by any board member, subject to the notice requirements in item E of this Section.
- G. Proxy votes shall not be accepted for any matter of official business.
 1. For the purposes of this section, 'Proxy Votes' shall be defined as another person voting on behalf of the board member who is absent.
 2. This subsection does NOT prohibit Absentee Voting, where a board member may have an excused absence but relay their vote on an item of business to the Chairman prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the vote count as tabulated by the secretary.
- H. A quorum is required for the Board to conduct official business.
 1. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of board members.
 - a. The Secretary is responsible for keeping an active record of the current level of quorum based on qualified members.
 - b. Once a quorum has been established, it shall be considered retained for the duration of the meeting.

Section 2: Elected Officers and Duties

- A. Elected officers of this club shall be defined as officers who are elected by the Active Members of the Club to positions defined as the following:
1. Chairman
 - a. The Chairman shall be responsible for scheduling and presiding over all meetings of the Board and will act as Chair of the Board.
 - b. He or she shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and shall exercise general supervision over the work and activities of the club.
 - c. The Chairman must have access to all monetary accounts in coordination with the Treasurer.
 - d. The Chairman shall appoint and remove Appointed Officers, as defined in Section 3 of this article, subject to a vote of confirmation by simple majority of the executive board in favor of confirmation or removal.
 - e. The Chairman may establish or disband committees as it may be deemed necessary to carry out the affairs of the organization.
 - f. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - g. The Chairman shall have discretionary power to spend the authorized budget.
 - h. The Chairman shall represent the Club at all official functions.
 - i. The Chairman shall serve as an official liaison between the Club and the Florida Young Republicans (FLYR).
 - j. The Chairman shall serve as an official liaison between the Club and the Young Republican National Federation (YRNF).
 - k. The Chairman shall perform any other duties as would normally be within the discretion of the Chairman or as directed by the Executive Board.
 - l. The Chairman shall be a resident of, and a registered voter in, Sarasota County, Florida or Manatee County, Florida.
 2. Vice Chairman for Sarasota
 - a. The Vice Chairman for Sarasota, hereinafter referred to as the "VCS" shall act as assistant to the Chairman and shall perform all duties as directed by the Chairman.
 - b. The VCS shall assist the Chairman in the general supervision of the work and activities of the club's Committees and shall coordinate meetings and activities of said committees as delegated by the Chairman.
 - c. The VCS shall assist the Chairman in the coordination and supervision of campaign-related events for all Sarasota County races during the election cycle.
 - d. The VCS may speak on behalf of the Club and represent the club at official functions.
 - e. The VCS must be a resident of, and registered voter in, Sarasota County, Florida.
 3. Vice Chairman for Manatee
 - a. The Vice Chairman for Manatee, hereinafter referred to as the "VCM" shall act as assistant to the Chairman and shall perform all duties as directed by the Chairman.
 - b. The VCM shall assist the Chairman in the general supervision of the work and activities of the club's Committees and shall coordinate meetings and activities of said committees as delegated by the Chairman.
 - c. The VCM shall assist the Chairman in the coordination and supervision of campaign-related events for all Manatee County races during the election cycle.

- d. The VCM may speak on behalf of the Club and represent the club at official functions.
 - e. The VCM must be a resident of, and registered voter in, Manatee County, Florida.
4. Treasurer
- a. The Treasurer shall collect all monies paid to the Club or any of its committees and shall deposit said funds into a checking account to be maintained by the club.
 - b. The Treasurer shall disperse said monies in accordance with an approved budget.
 - i. Any other expenditure more than fifty dollars must be approved by the Executive Board via a simple-majority vote in favor.
 - ii. Unauthorized expenditures will not be reimbursed unless approved by a simple-majority vote in favor by the Board.
 - iii. All contributions and debts shall be deposited or said to conform to Federal and State laws.
 - c. The Treasurer shall ensure that up-to-date financial records are kept of all Club funds and that a report of it is made at all board and general meetings.
 - d. The Treasurer shall, upon taking office, meet with the Outgoing Treasurer and Chairman to establish a budget for the upcoming fiscal year to be approved by the Board at the next Board Meeting.
 - e. The Treasurer may speak on behalf of the Club and represent the Club at official functions.
 - f. The Treasurer may not keep any club-associated accounts separate from the designated club accounts, and all financial accounts shall have two authorized administrators: the Chairman of the club and the Treasurer of the club.
5. Secretary
- a. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of all the Board meetings and shall keep a file of the same.
 - b. The Secretary shall have charge of all Club records and perform all such duties that are incident to his/her office.
 - c. If requested by the club Chairman, the Secretary shall compose press releases and provide them to local media outlets.
 - i. All social media related press releases may also be published by transmission to the Communications Director for publication on the club's various Social Media pages.
 - d. The Communications Director may, at least once per month, publish an email newsletter to keep members and guests informed with news pertaining to the club, the Young Republican National Federation and the Florida Young Republicans.
 - i. This responsibility can be delegated, by request of the Secretary, to the Communications Director.
 - e. The Secretary shall act as Editor-in-Chief for publications, whether on paper or electronically, of srqyr.org and all social media channels.
 - f. The Secretary shall provide a heightened awareness for community service activities and projects for the Club
- B. All Elected-Officers shall be voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 3: Appointed Officers and Duties

- A. Appointed Officers of this club shall be defined as officers who are appointed by the Club Chairman to positions defined as the following:
1. Membership Director
 - a. The Membership Director shall be responsible for the recruitment of new members, to include but not be limited to:
 - i. Scheduling private meetings for prospective members and maintaining the main artery of communication with current and prospective members.
 - b. The Membership Director shall be responsible for maintaining membership rosters
 - c. Organize fundraising and social events for the Club as directed by the Chairman
 - i. This includes acquiring feedback from Club members for consideration in planning future events
 - d. The Membership Director shall oversee the general advertising and marketing of the Club.
 - e. The Membership Director may perform any other duties as would normally be within the discretion of the Chairman or as directed by the Executive Board.
 2. Communications Director
 - a. The Communications Director shall have charge of all social media accounts owned by the club, and shall be responsible for posting, maintaining and content management of said accounts.
 - b. The Communications Director shall publish all press releases drafted by the secretary to the club's various Social Media Pages/Profiles.
 - c. The Communications Director shall create advertising pieces to promote the Club and its events
 - d. The Communications Director may also act as Editor-in-Chief for all electronic publications to srqyr.org and all social media accounts.
 3. General Counsel
 - a. The General Counsel shall represent the club in all legal matters.
 4. Assistant Secretary
 - a. The Assistant Secretary shall fulfill all roles/responsibilities of the Secretary in their absence.
 5. The Chairman may appoint or remove additional Directors of an ad hoc nature, as deemed necessary or advisable.
 - a. Appointment of said ad-hoc Directors by the club's Chairman shall be subject to a vote of confirmation by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the executive board in favor of confirmation.
 - b. The Chairman shall not require approval by the board to dismiss/remove said ad-hoc directors.
- B. Appointed Officers must attend at least two club events prior to being appointed as a member of the executive board.
- C. All appointed members, appointed under this section, shall be voting board members.

Section 4: Ex-Officio Officers

- A. Ex-Officio Officers of this club shall be defined as the following officers:

1. The Current Chairman/Chairperson of the Sarasota County High School Republicans.
 2. The Current Chairman/Chairperson of the New College of Florida College Republicans.
 3. The Current Chairman/Chairperson of the USF Sarasota-Manatee College Republicans.
 4. Any active members of the club whom are also members of the Executive Board of the Florida Young Republicans and/or the Young Republican National Federation.
 5. The immediate past Chairman of the club.
- B. Ex-officio board members shall be non-voting members of the executive board.

Section 5: Other Requirements for Officers of the Club

- A. All Appointed Officers must attend at least two club events prior to being appointed as a member of the executive board.
- B. Appointed and Elected Executive Board Members shall not be absent, without excuse, for more than three (3) subsequent board meetings in any calendar year.
1. If an executive board member is absent, without excuse, for four (4) subsequent board meetings in a calendar year, their position shall be declared vacant.
 - i. This vacancy shall be filled via the process outlined in Section 7 of this article.
- C. All members of the executive board, whether elected or appointed, shall also be active members of the club, as defined in Article II, Section 1 of these bylaws.

Section 6: Officer Terms

- A. All elected officers shall serve terms lasting two (2) years, commencing at the close of the meeting at which officers are elected.
- B. All appointed officer terms shall be concurrent with the term of elected club officers, and shall also last for two (2) years
- C. There shall be no limit to the number of terms an officer may serve, so long as he or she retains their active membership status as outlined in Article II, Section 1.

Section 7: Vacancies

- A. When the office of Chairman becomes vacant, the executive board must, by simple majority vote, must select either the Vice Chairman for Manatee or the Vice Chairman for Sarasota as the new Chairman within 10 days of the vacancy.
- B. All other board vacancies shall be filled by Chairman Appointment, subject to confirmation of a simple majority vote of the Executive board in favor of appointment.

Section 8: Removal of an Executive Board Officer

- A. The Board may, by a vote in favor of two-thirds (2/3) of the Active Membership of the club, remove any Elected Officer from office for good cause.
1. Good cause shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Absence without excuse from three consecutive meetings, or
 - b. Absence without excuse from six meetings of the board during a calendar year, or
 - c. Failure to fulfill the obligations of his/her position during their term, or
 - d. Demonstration of behavior which is unbecoming of a representative of the Club, or

- e. Commission of a Felony crime during his/her term.
- B. The Board may, by a vote in favor of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the Executive Board of the club, remove any Appointed officer from office for good cause.
 - 1. Good cause shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Absence without excuse from three consecutive meetings, or
 - b. Absence without excuse from six meetings of the board during a calendar year, or
 - c. Failure to fulfill the obligations of his/her position during their term, or
 - d. Demonstration of behavior which is unbecoming of a representative of the Club, or
 - e. Commission of a Felony crime during his/her term.
- C. Any Executive Board Officer may propose the removal of any Elected Officer by delivering to the Chairman a written Petition for Removal from Office.
- D. Any active member may propose the removal of any Elected Officer by delivering to the Executive Board a written Petition for removal.
 - 1. Said petition shall only be accepted by the board if signed by at least 20% of active members.
- E. The Chairman shall place the removal proceedings on the agenda of the next Board meeting after receipt of the Petition for Removal and shall notify the Secretary.
 - 1. The accused officer shall temporarily recuse themselves from the board, pending the outcome of the removal proceedings.
 - 2. If the removal petition is filed against the club's Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over the Removal Proceedings
 - a. In this case, the Vice Chairman shall fulfill the duty of 'Acting Chairman' and preside over the Removal Proceedings.
- F. The Secretary shall send written notice of removal proceedings to the accused member under consideration.
 - 1. Said notice shall be sent by E-Mail, delivery receipt requested, and by any other means likely to reach said member and be transmitted at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.
 - 2. Said notice shall include the grounds for removal as well as the time and place of the meeting at which removal is to be considered.
- G. The accused shall be granted the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which removal is to be considered.
- H. After the proceedings, the Board may, by a vote in favor of three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the Executive Board, remove the officer.
 - 1. The Secretary shall, within 5 days of the decision to remove the accused officer, send written notice via electronic mail, delivery receipt requested, of the board's decision to all involved parties.
 - 2. If the vote is not in favor of removal, the accused officer shall be deemed acquitted and shall resume their duties effective immediately.

Section 9: Parliamentary Authority

- A. "Robert's Rules of Order," in its latest edition, shall govern the Club.
- B. The Chairman may appoint a Parliamentarian to serve in an advisory capacity, this role is shall be a non-voting member of the executive board.

Article IV: Club Officer Elections

Section 1: Election Rules and Procedures

- A. Beginning with the January 2025 Elections, the Elections for Club Officers shall only be held in odd-numbered years at the club's regularly scheduled January Social.
 - 1. The 2023 Elections shall be held at the September Social in 2023, with the term for office lasting until the January 2025 Elections.
- B. Elections of Club Officers shall be held via secret ballot.
 - 1. If a candidate for officer is running unopposed, that candidate shall be deemed elected by unanimous consent at the close of nominations.
- C. The serving club Chairman shall NOT preside over elections proceedings.
 - 1. The executive board, by a simple majority vote in favor, shall nominate a chairperson to chair electoral proceedings at the meeting of the executive board immediately preceding the meeting at which the club's elections are held.
 - 2. This 'Electoral Chairperson' shall be someone who:
 - a. Is NOT a currently serving member of the executive board of this club
 - b. Is NOT nominated for club office
 - c. Is NOT a relative of the current club Chairman, nor a relative of any candidates currently running for an elected board position.
- D. The Executive Board shall appoint three tellers who are non-board members that shall
 - 1. Dispense Ballots
 - 2. Collect Ballots
 - 3. Tabulate and certify the vote
- E. Officers shall be elected in the following order: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary
 - 1. Candidates MAY NOT seek a position down-ballot if defeated.
- F. If any election results in a tied vote, another vote on the same ballot shall be conducted.

Section 2: Nominations and Candidates

- A. Nominations for candidacy shall be made from the floor once the floor has been opened for nominations.
 - 1. Candidates CANNOT be self-nominated.
 - 2. All nominees must be seconded by another active member
- B. All nominees must meet the following qualifications for candidacy:
 - 1. Candidates must meet all requirements to be an Active Member of the club as defined in Article II, Section 1,
 - 2. All candidates must meet any requirements outlined in Article III, Section 2 of these bylaws, for the office for which they are seeking Nomination
 - 3. Candidates must be in Good Financial Standing with the club, and

4. Candidates must have achieved and retained active member status for a minimum of nine (9) months prior to nomination.
 - a. This specific qualification may be waived if the following conditions are satisfied:
 - i. The Candidate was ineligible for active membership anytime during the previous nine (9) months due to being under eighteen (18) years of age,
 - ii. The candidate has retained membership in the club continuously, regardless of Active or Associate Status, for at least one (1) year prior to running for office, and
 - iii. The candidate currently meets all other qualifications for candidacy for club office as outlined in this section.
- C. Nominations cannot be reopened once nominations have been closed.

Section 3: Member Qualifications for Voting

- A. Only those qualified Active Members which meet the qualifications stated in this section are deemed eligible to vote in Club Officer Elections.
- B. To qualify for voting, active members of the club must have:
 1. Applied for and retained Active Membership in the club for at least three (3) months prior to the election date.
 2. Be in good financial standing with the club, AND
 3. Have attended at least three (3) club events during the previous six (6) months.
- C. An elections committee is responsible for verifying the Qualification of Active Members before the Club Officer Elections based on the qualifications outlined in Subsection B of this Section.
- D. Quorum for any club officer Election shall be one-fourth (1/4) of all eligible qualified voting members.
 1. Official Quorum percentages are to be derived from the total number of qualified active members, NOT the general Active Membership as a whole.

Article V: Revenues and Finances

Section 1: Fiscal Year & Assets

- A. The fiscal year shall run from February 1st through January 31st.
- B. Liquidation of assets of the club shall require a unanimous consent approval of the Executive Board.
 1. If the Executive Board does not unanimously approve liquidation of its assets and the organization ceases to function, all assets may be held in trust by the Florida Young Republicans for the formation of a future Club in Sarasota County.
- C. The books of the outgoing treasurer may be subject to audit by a committee appointed by the Executive Board at the meeting whereby elections of officers are held.
 1. The incoming treasurer shall be a member of this committee.
- D. The Treasurer shall give a written treasurer's report of the status of all club funds including any purchases made by any officers or members since the last meeting.

- E. All disbursements from club funds shall be made by debit card, check, or electronic means (i.e. Zelle, Paypal, Venmo).

Section 2: Donations

- A. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping a list of names of donors and amounts contributed and any other information required by the Federal and State election laws.
- B. This information shall be available to all active members.

Section 3: Outside Vendors

- A. The club may, from time to time, contract with a 3rd party vendor for services rendered to the club.
 - 1. Contracts shall be negotiated by the club Chairman, or his designee, with any agreement or execution of contracts with a 3rd party vendor subject to ratification by the Executive Board via a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of ratification.
 - a. Any contract with a 3rd party vendor that is owned, whole or in-part, by a member of the executive board of this club shall require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board in favor of ratification.
 - b. A board member may not vote on a matter where they are the owner or operator of a 3rd party vendor, whether wholly or in part, which seeks to do business with the club.
 - 2. The Chairman shall be the club's signatory on all contracts with 3rd party vendors.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1: In General

- A. The Chairman may appoint members to the club's committees, with such appointments being subject to confirmation by the executive board via simple majority vote in favor of appointment.
- B. The Club shall have those standing committees, as further defined in Section 2 of this article, as it's standing committees when practical.
- C. The Executive Board may, via a simple majority vote in favor of creation, create committees of an ad-hoc nature.

Section 1: Standing Committees

- A. The organization may have as its standing committees the following, when practical:
 - 1. Social Media and Membership Committee
 - 2. Community and Political Affairs Committee
 - 3. Fundraising Committee
 - 4. Candidate Endorsement/Vetting Committee

Section 2: Committee Reviews

- A. Each committee shall report regularly to the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board has the authority to review the activities of each committee.

Article VII: Endorsements

Section 1: Official Club Endorsement

- A. The Club, by two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of endorsement by the executive board, may choose to publicly endorse a candidate for office.
- B. The club may endorse the Republican Candidate for office in any local, state, and/or federal election.
- C. The Club may endorse candidates in non-partisan races.
- D. The Club may endorse a candidate in a Republican-only race when the race decides a winner rather than going to another election, as a means of promoting candidates who reflect the club's values.

Section 2: Limitation of Endorsements in Republican Primaries

- A. The club may endorse a candidate in a Republican Primary, provided that the candidate receiving the club's endorsement meets the following qualifications:
 - 1. The candidate receiving an endorsement under this section is an Incumbent seeking re-election, and/or
 - 2. The candidate receiving an endorsement under this section has:
 - a. Retained Active Member status for at least 12 months prior to seeking an Endorsement,
 - b. Attended at least one-half (1/2) of club events in the previous 12 months, and
 - c. Is in good financial standing with the club.

Section 3: Prohibited Actions

- A. No officer of this club may use the Young Republican name to endorse one Republican over another, unless that candidate is receiving the endorsement of the club under the terms and conditions of this Article.
- B. Neither the Club as a whole, nor any of its officers, shall in any way publicly support any candidate who is not a registered Republican in multi-party races.
- C. Any member of the club may work for any Republican political campaign, so long as it is made explicit that their endorsement is personal and shall not be represented as an official endorsement of the club.

Article VIII: Affiliation with Florida Young Republicans and Young Republican National Federation

Section 1: Affiliate Subordination

- A. The club shall be subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Florida Young Republicans (FLYR) and the Young Republican National Federation (YRNF).
- B. The club shall seek and maintain membership in both aforesaid associations.
- C. The club shall retain its association with the Young Republican National Federation should the Florida Young Republicans choose to revoke their association.

Section 2: Representatives to the FLYR and YRNF

- A. The club shall send at least, but not limited to, one (1) representative to each quarterly meeting of the Florida Young Republicans.
- B. The official representative of the club shall be the highest-ranking officer that is able to attend.
 - 1. If none of the club officers can attend, the Chairman shall designate a representative to attend on behalf of the club.
- C. The Club shall send a delegation of at least one person to each Florida Young Republicans Annual Convention.
- D. The club may, and is encouraged to, send as many delegates as possible as representatives to the FLYR Quarterlies and Conventions.
 - 1. The Executive Board shall appoint the delegates and the alternates to the state convention by the Florida YRs' deadline prior to the annual convention.
- E. The club may, and is encouraged to, send as many delegates as possible as representatives to the YRNF annual convention.
 - 1. The process for selecting delegates to the YRNF delegation shall be determined by the FLYR bylaws.

Section 3: Severability

- A. If any of these bylaws are found to conflict with the governing documents of the FLYR or YRNF, or in conflict with the Constitution or the laws of the United States or the State of Florida, it shall not affect any other part of these Bylaws and is declared severable.

Article IX: State Conventions

Section 1: Delegates

- A. Delegates and Alternates shall be appointed by the Chairman and approved by the executive board by a simple majority vote in favor by the board.
- B. The Chairman of the Club shall automatically serve as a delegate.
 - 1. The Club Chairman shall serve as chairperson of the delegation or shall designate a person from the club's delegation to serve as Chairperson of the Delegation.

Article X: Information Protection

Section 1: Member Personal Information

- A. Information regarding members shall be respected and protected, including but not limited to:
 - 1. E-mail addresses
 - 2. Home addresses
 - 3. Phone numbers
 - 4. Birthdates
- B. All Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, and Members shall NOT use any member's information for monetary or personal gains.
- C. Any contact with members must be SRQYR, FLYR, or YRNF related, unless proper permission was specifically granted in writing by the member.

Section 2: Club Owned Accounts

- A. Club owned accounts are property of the Club and include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Emails
 - 2. Facebook
 - 3. Twitter
 - 4. Instagram
 - 5. Website
 - 6. LinkedIn
- B. When a new Chairman is elected, all account information shall be passed onto the newly elected Chairman by the outgoing Chairman no later than 10 days after the election.
- C. This section shall apply retroactively.

Article XI: Record of these Bylaws

Section 1: Maintenance

- A. These bylaws and constitution shall be maintained in a PDF format with the date of the last change being located on the front of the document.
- B. The official bylaws document shall not be kept in a live, editable document.
 - 1. Any editable document shall be deemed a 'draft' copy of these Bylaws and not be utilized in an official capacity.

Section 2: Availability to the Public

- A. These bylaws shall be available publicly to view via the club's website, and in hard-copy format at any Club-sanctioned event.

Article XII: Legacy Clubs

Section 1: General

- A. The Club, which shall be formed by the ratification of these bylaws, shall be considered a merger of two preceding clubs, herein referred to as the "Legacy Clubs".
- B. The two Legacy clubs shall be defined as the following Young Republican clubs in existence prior to the ratification of this document:
 - 1. Sarasota County Young Republicans (SRQYR)
 - 2. Manatee County Young Republicans (MCYR).
- C. As of the date of the ratification of this document, the club shall be deemed the successor organization to the Legacy Clubs as defined in Section 1 of this article.
- D. Any member of the Legacy Clubs who, as of the date of ratification of this document, meets the qualifications for Active Membership as defined in Article II, Section 1, and has paid dues to the Legacy Club as required in Article II, Section 2, shall be granted Active Membership to the Club as a continuation of their benefits.
- E. Any member of the Legacy Clubs who, as of the date of ratification of this document, meets the qualifications for Associate Membership as defined in Article II, Section 1, and has paid dues to the Legacy Club as required in Article II, Section 2, shall be granted Associate Membership to the Club as a continuation of their benefits.

- F. Any member of the Legacy Clubs who, as of the date of ratification of this document, meets the qualifications for Honorary Membership as defined in Article II, Section 1, and has paid dues to the Legacy Club as required in Article II, Section 2, shall be granted Honorary Membership to the Club as a continuation of their benefits.

Section 2: Continuation of Charter

- A. Effective on the date of the ratification of these bylaws, the charter of the Sarasota County Young Republicans, as issued by the Florida Young Republicans, shall be assumed by the club.
- B. Effective on the date of the ratification of these bylaws, the club shall hereby assume the charter, as issued by the Florida Young Republicans, of the Manatee County Young Republicans.

Article XIII: Amendments and Replacements

Section 1: Proposed Amendments

- A. Any proposed amendment, supplement or replacement to these bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board at any regularly scheduled executive board meeting.
- B. Notice of the proposed amendment must be included on the call of the next executive board meeting and the Secretary shall have an electronic or physical copy of the proposed amendment for board members to see.

Section 2: Approving Proposed Amendments

- A. Amendments shall be deemed approved and ratified if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of ratification by the executive board.

Article XIV: Ratification

Section 1: Terms

- A. These bylaws are hereby ratified as the sole governing document of the Sarasota Young Republicans.
- B. All previous or alternative versions of any governing documents of the club, including the previous Constitution and Bylaws, are hereby declared null and void.
 - a. All prior variants of this document absolutely may not be considered in any official capacity or re-ratified.
- C. All previous or alternative versions of the Constitution and Official Bylaws of the Sarasota County Young Republicans are hereby declared null and void.
 - a. All prior variants of the Constitution of the Sarasota County Young Republicans shall not be considered in any official capacity or re-ratified.
 - b. All prior variants of the Official Bylaws of the Sarasota County Young Republicans shall not be considered in any official capacity or re-ratified.
- D. All previous or alternative versions of the Constitution and Official Bylaws of the Manatee County Young Republicans are hereby declared null and void.
 - a. All prior variants of the Constitution of the Manatee County Young Republicans shall not be considered in any official capacity or re-ratified.

- b. All prior variants of the Official Bylaws of the Manatee County Young Republicans shall not be considered in any official capacity or re-ratified.
- E. Any changes or updated versions of these Bylaws shall go through the proper amendment process defined in Article XIII of this document.

Section 2: Effective Date

- A. These bylaws are deemed effective on the date of signature of the Chairman and Secretary of the Club.
- B. If there are differences in the dates of signatures, the later date shall be deemed the date of ratification.



09/24/2024

Cullen 'CJ' Morgan, Chairman
Sarasota Young Republicans

Date



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Joseph Schneider, Secretary
Sarasota Young Republicans

Date