

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**CENTRAL TEXAS**  
**YOUNG REPUBLICANS**

## **Article I: Name**

Pursuant to rules promulgated under the Constitution of the TEXAS YOUNG REPUBLICAN FEDERATION (TYRF), Article V, Section A, the name of this organization shall be Central Texas Young Republicans, also referred to as CenTex YR.

## **Article II: Purposes**

Section 1. PHILOSOPHY. Central Texas Young Republicans exists to provide 18-40 year old conservatives a welcoming home where they can become active, educated, and mobilized in Republican Party issues, affairs, and campaigns throughout central Texas. Specifically, CenTex YR seeks to:

- a. Create an environment where singles and families alike can feel comfortable socializing and interacting;
- b. Serve as a nonjudgmental forum for the exchange of ideas on issues that form the core of our beliefs as Republicans;
- c. Provide essential grassroots support for Republican and conservative candidates at the national, state, and local levels; and
- d. Develop future Republican Party leaders both within the Party structure and as candidates for public office.

Section 2. MISSION STATEMENT. The mission of CenTex YR is to educate, inform, and engage the next generation of conservatives to grow and strengthen the local Republican Party.

## **Article III: Powers**

CenTex YR is authorized to direct, manage and control its business, property and funds, and to do anything which is reasonably necessary and proper to carry out CenTex YR's purposes set forth in Article II.

## **Article IV: Definitions**

Section 1. MEMBER. Except where provided to the contrary herein, the term Member refers to person(s) as defined in Article V.

- Section 2. OFFICERS. *Officers* shall refer to those Members serving in the elected offices of CenTex YR, as defined in Article VII.
- Section 3. EXECUTIVE BOARD. *Executive Board*, also referred to as the EB, shall consist of the elected Officers of CenTex YR, and is defined in Article VIII.
- Section 4. ASSEMBLY. *Assembly* refers to any meeting of CenTex YR Members conducted under Article IX of this Constitution.

## **Article V: Membership**

- Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBER. Any person who meets the following requirements is classified as an Active Member of the CenTex YR:
- a. At least 18 years of age, but not over 40 years of age;
  - b. A registered voter in the State of Texas;
  - c. Who believes in the philosophy of the CenTex YR;
  - d. Has paid their annual Membership dues.
- Section 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBER. Any person who does not meet the qualifications for Active Membership, but who desires to participate in the activities of the CenTex YR, may become an Associate Member. Associate Members shall have all rights and privileges of Membership in the CenTex YR, but may not vote or serve as an Officer, Delegate or Alternate Delegate of the CenTex YR.
- Section 3. HONORARY MEMBER. A special title bestowed upon anyone by the EB who does not already meet the qualifications of an active Member. Those who have been named honorary Members have no voting rights and may not serve as an Officer, Delegate or Alternate Delegate of the CenTex YR.
- Section 4. MEMBERSHIP LISTS. Membership lists of CenTex YR shall not be sold or otherwise distributed for purposes of solicitation. If any Member uses or allows the use of the CenTex YR Membership information for reasons of solicitation not of a political nature, said Member can be removed from CenTex YR as described in Section 5 of this Article.
- Section 5. EXPULSION. CenTex YR may, by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of active Members present and voting at any Assembly meeting of the Club, expel from the Club any Member for any act of conduct deemed adverse and hostile to the best interests of the Club;

provided however, that before any vote on the expulsion may be taken, the following specific steps must have occurred:

- a. The specific charges against the Member in question must be presented to the EB at least one week prior to said expulsion vote;
- b. The EB must notify the Member of said charges and must give the Member a fair and reasonable opportunity to respond to the same at both the EB meeting and the Assembly meeting where the expulsion vote will be considered; and
- c. The EB must first pass a resolution by simple majority calling for a vote by the Members on expulsion before it is added as official business at the next Assembly meeting.
- d. An expelled Member may not submit an application back into CenTex YR until the following calendar year. However, said application must first be approved by a three-fourths vote of the EB at the next regularly scheduled EB meeting.

## **Article VI: Dues**

- Section 1. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of CenTex YR shall be the calendar year.
- Section 2. TYRF ASSESSMENT. Dues for each Member shall include the annual fee as assessed by the Texas Young Republican Federation.
- Section 3. DUES REQUIREMENT. The annual dues required for Members in CenTex YR shall be determined by the EB and may vary from year to year. Dues paid are non-refundable.
- Section 4. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership in CenTex YR shall expire on December 31 of each year. Dues for new Members who join CenTex YR between January 1 and December 31 shall be assessed at a full year Membership rate.

## **Article VII: Officers**

- Section 1. TERMS OF OFFICE. All Officers shall serve terms of one year, except as noted in Article XVI. Elected Officers shall take office at the first meeting of the following fiscal year, except as noted in Article XVI.
- Section 2. SUMMARY OF OFFICERS . The elected Officers, known as the EB, of CenTex YR shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman Education, Vice Chairman Programming, Vice Chairman Political Activities, Vice

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman Communication, and Secretary-Treasurer.

- Section 3. REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE. All elected Officers must be Active Members of CenTex YR for thirty days prior to being elected into office.
- Section 4. COMPENSATION PROHIBITED. No Officer shall receive any compensation for services provided as an Officer of the CenTex YR, nor accept any gifts or favors that would present a conflict of interest.
- Section 5. MULTIPLE OFFICES PROHIBITED. No Member shall be eligible to hold two elected offices simultaneously.
- Section 6. APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY. Each Officer of the CenTex YR shall have the ability to appoint any assistants necessary to help them ensure the efficient performance of the duties of that office. These assistants serve at the pleasure of the appointing Officer.
- Section 7. CHAIRMAN. The Chairman shall be responsible for helping to fulfill the mission of the CenTex YR by serving as the chief executive Officer of the organization. The Chairman is also an ex-officio Member of all Committees. The powers and duties of the Chairman shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- a. Supervising and coordinating the activities of the Central Texas Young Republicans in conjunction with the Executive Board;
  - b. Serving as the public face and official spokesperson of the CenTex YR to the media as well as Republican and outside organizations;
  - c. Coordinating and overseeing all fundraising operations for the CenTex YR;
  - d. Appointing special purpose Committees and naming Members to those Committees, with the advice and consent of a simple majority of the Executive Board;
  - e. Presiding at all Assembly Meetings, Executive Board Meetings, and any other specially called meetings or conferences of the CenTex YR. In the event the Chairman cannot attend a CenTex YR meeting in which he is to preside, he will designate another Member of the EB to serve as presiding Officer at that event. In the event the Chairman is unreachable and has not appointed a temporary presiding Officer, the EB shall elect an Officer from among themselves to serve in that capacity for that event;
  - f. Serving as a representative of the CenTex YR organization at quarterly Texas Young Republican Federation Board Meetings and Annual Convention, or appointing a proxy thereto; and adhering to Officer expectations, including submitting CenTex

CenTex YR Officer Roster, CenTex YR  
Constitution and TYRF Membership dues at the respected time,  
or ensuring such duties are delegated accordingly.

Section 8. VICE CHAIRMAN EDUCATION. The Vice Chairman Education shall be responsible for helping to fulfill the mission of the CenTex YR to facilitate education of its Members. The duties of the Vice Chairman Education shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Developing programs, training, and providing factual information about internal Republican Party platform, rules and operations, as well as Local, State, and Federal political issues;
- b. Serving as the presiding Officer of the Education Committee and appointing any subcommittees or committee Officers as he sees fit to carry out the duties of his Office and the Mission of the CenTex YR.

Section 9. VICE CHAIRMAN PROGRAMMING. The Vice Chairman Programming shall be responsible for helping to fulfill the mission of the CenTex YR by coordinating programs which encourage positive Member interaction and further recruitment. The duties of the Vice Chairman Programming shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Coordinating the development of all programming activities—in conjunction with the rest of the EB—associated with Assembly Meetings and any official social or internal political activities of the CenTex YR;
- b. Scheduling speakers and securing meeting locations for Assembly Meetings and/or any official events held by CenTex YR;
- c. Serving as the presiding Officer of the Programming Committee and appointing any subcommittees or committee Officers as he sees fit to carry out the duties of his Office and the Mission of the CenTex YR.

Section 10. VICE CHAIRMAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. The Vice Chairman Political Activities shall be responsible for helping to fulfill the mission of the CenTex YR to strengthen the local Republican Party. The duties of the Vice Chairman Political Activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Maintaining an updated list of all elected officials and other Republican Party officials in the territory for which CenTex YR has Active Members;

- b. Coordinating the requests and needs of Republican candidates and campaigns for volunteers and helping to ensure Members are available for events;
- c. Acting as the official point of contact for all Republican candidates and campaigns for CenTex YR;
- d. Serving as the presiding Officer of the Political Activities Committee and appointing any subcommittees or committee Officers as he sees fit to carry out the duties of his Office and the Mission of the CenTex YR.

Section 11. VICE CHAIRMAN OUTREACH. The Vice Chairman Outreach shall be responsible for helping to fulfill the mission of the CenTex YR to facilitate community interaction. The duties of the Vice Chairman Outreach shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Acting as the official point of contact for all community organizations and institutes of learning for the CenTex YR;
- b. Developing a strategy to ensure CenTex YR has a broader presence throughout the communities it serves;
- c. Serving as the presiding Officer of the Outreach Committee and appointing any subcommittees or committee Officers as he sees fit to carry out the duties of his Office and the Mission of the CenTex YR.

Section 12. VICE CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATIONS. The Vice Chairman Communications shall be responsible for helping to fulfill the mission of the CenTex YR by disseminating the message of the organization. The duties of the Vice Chairman Communications shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Coordinating all media related activities;
- b. Developing and maintaining an up-to-date communication infrastructure;
- c. Announcing official CenTex YR meetings and activities;
- d. Serving as the presiding Officer of the Communications Committee and appointing any subcommittees or committee Officers as he sees fit to carry out the duties of his Office and the Mission of the CenTex YR.

Section 13. SECRETARY-TREASURER. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for helping to fulfill the mission of the CenTex YR by keeping orderly administrative and financial records. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Recording and distributing to the EB meeting minutes and votes of all proceedings of the EB and Assembly of the CenTex YR;

- b. Receiving, expending and accounting for the funds of the CenTex YR under the supervision and control of the EB;
- c. Maintaining a checking account on behalf of CenTex YR and establishing additional accounts as needed;
- d. Maintaining a master copy of all CenTex YR official documents and performing necessary updates thereto;
- e. Retaining all CenTex YR Membership Applications for record and maintaining the CenTex YR Master Membership list;

Section 14. VACANCIES. An office may be declared vacant by the Chairman if the Officer holding the office is absent from three or more meetings of the EB, without reason, provided that such officeholder may be reinstated for good cause upon the vote of two-thirds of the EB at the next EB Meeting. Additionally, an office shall be deemed vacant should no eligible candidate be elected to that office. If an office is vacant, that office shall not be considered when determining a quorum of elected Officers. If any elected office becomes vacant for any reason, the Chairman will fill the vacancy temporarily, subject to approval by a simple majority of the EB, and that individual will serve until such time as a special election is held to fill the unexpired term, pursuant to Article X. If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant for any reason, the EB shall meet to elect a new temporary Chairman from among their number. The temporary Chairman shall then appoint a temporary replacement for the position for which he has just vacated, subject to approval by a simple majority of the EB. These two Officers shall serve as temporary until such time as a special election is held to fill the unexpired terms, pursuant to Article X.

Section 15. IMPEACHMENT. An Officer may be impeached for cause upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the EB. Said Officer must be provided with at least two weeks' notice of said action, listing the causes against him. In the event the Chairman is the Officer considered for impeachment proceedings, the Vice Chairman Programming will preside over that EB meeting.

Section 16. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. An Officer impeached under Article VII, Section 15 shall be removed from office, upon a two-thirds majority vote of Members present at the next General Assembly Meeting, provided that at least two weeks' notice is given to the Members, along with a copy of the impeachment charges. In the event the Chairman is the Officer under consideration for removal from office, the Vice Chairman Programming will preside over that General Assembly meeting.

## **Article VIII: Executive Board**

- Section 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. The Executive Board shall conduct all duties authorized by the Assembly, in addition to administering the general business of CenTex YR. The Assembly may rescind any decision of the Executive Board by three-fourths vote at the next Assembly meeting.
- Section 2. QUORUM. A majority of the Officers on the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 3. CALL OF MEETINGS. The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the Chairman or at the call of any two Officers on the Executive Board at least seven days prior to the meeting.
- Section 4. CREATION OF PAC. The Executive Board shall have the power to create a Political Action Committee (PAC) for the purpose of soliciting and disbursing funds to benefit the Republican Party and Republican candidates in general elections.
- Section 5. OPEN MEETINGS. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to all Members of CenTex YR. Official notice of all EB meetings must be provided to CenTex YR Members at least seven days prior to the meeting.
- Section 6. OPEN RECORDS. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make available to the EB, and any CenTex YR Member upon request, official minutes and votes of all EB meetings within seven days of each meeting.
- Section 7. PROXY VOTES. Proxies must give written notice of said proxy. Written notice must be presented at the beginning of the Executive Board meeting. Proxies may be other Officers or Active Members of CenTex YR.
- Section 8. SUNSET REVIEW. No later than the end of July of each year (beginning in 2011), the EB shall conduct a sunset review of itself and all its positions and associated committees to determine if the current governing structure is still meeting the needs of the CenTex YR. The results of said review shall be prepared and if necessary drafted as any constitutional amendments to be submitted to CenTex YR Members no later than the end of September of the same year.

## **Article IX: Assembly Meetings**

- Section 1. PLACE & DATE. Regular meetings of the Assembly shall occur according to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall determine the place and date of the meetings.
- Section 2. QUORUM. A quorum shall consist of twenty-five percent of the Active Members or a minimum of ten Active Members, whichever is smaller.
- Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Assembly shall be held on the call of the Executive Board.

## **Article X: Elections**

- Section 1. VOTING REQUIREMENTS. Except as noted in Article XVI, requirements for voters in CenTex YR Officer elections are:
- a. Must be an Active Member;
  - b. Dues must be paid at least thirty days prior to the held elections.
- Section 2. PROCEDURES. All Officers shall be elected by ballot at the November CenTex YR meeting, except as noted in Article XVI. The Elections shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Voting shall be held by secret ballot, in writing. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot for any office, an immediate run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes on the first ballot. Any candidate who is unopposed may be elected by acclamation. Candidates are not required to be present to run for office, providing that they have submitted their name to the Chairman in advance and can provide a written testimony of their intent for desired office. The Chairman will present advanced nominations and testimony to Members present after nominations and speeches have been taken from the floor.
- Section 3. SPECIAL ELECTIONS. In the event that a vacancy has been declared, a special election must be called by the Executive Board and held no later than the end of the second month following said vacancy. The EB must provide at least two weeks' advanced notice to CenTex YR Members before the scheduled date of the special election. Procedures shall be the same as outlined under Section 2 of this Article.
- Section 4. NOTIFICATION TO TYRF. Immediately after the annual election or special election, an Officer of CenTex YR, as determined by the EB, shall forward the names of the newly elected Officers to the Secretary of the Texas Young Republican Federation.

## **Article XI: Amendment Procedure**

- Section 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. This Constitution is subject to amendment or repeal.
- Section 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION. Amendments or proposal to repeal must first be approved by a simple majority of the Executive Board, except as stipulated under Section 4.
- Section 3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION. Amendments or proposal to repeal that have passed the Executive Board must be disseminated to CenTex YR Members ten days prior to the next General Assembly meeting and must be ratified by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present at that Assembly meeting. The amendments or proposal to repeal will then take effect immediately.
- Section 4. AMENDMENT OR REPEAL BY PETITION. Alternatively, amendments or proposal to repeal may be considered directly at an Assembly meeting by petition signed by at least half of all Active Members of the CenTex YR. The petition must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the Assembly meeting either to the Chairman or Secretary-Treasurer in person or via certified mail with the language under consideration. The EB will then disseminate the amendments or proposal to repeal to CenTex YR Members ten days prior to said Assembly meeting. Such amendments or proposal to repeal must then be ratified by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present at the Assembly meeting and will take effect immediately.

## **Article XII: Parliamentary Authority**

Except where inconsistent with this Constitution, all CenTex YR meetings shall be governed by the most recently revised edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

## **Article XIII: Texas Young Republican Federation Affiliation**

Section 1. CHARTERED CLUB. CenTex YR shall be a chartered club of the Texas Young Republican Federation, and shall at all times meet the constitutional requirements of that organization.

Section 2. STATE CONVENTION. The Chairman shall appoint, with majority consent of the Executive Board, the Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the State Convention of the Texas Young Republican Federation. The Chairman shall select the Delegates from the list of those Members of CenTex YR who are interested in becoming Delegates and are committed to attending the State Convention.

## **Article XIV: Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Central Texas Young Republicans, any assets remaining thereafter shall be divided evenly among the various County Republican Parties from which the club's Members reside.

## **Article XV: Miscellaneous**

Section 1. NEUTRALITY. Neither the CenTex YR, nor any of its Officers in an official capacity, shall endorse a candidate in any race in which more than one Republican runs, except for those races for which an official Republican nominee has been selected by the Republican Party through a primary or other mechanism.

Section 2. INDEMNITY. CenTex YR shall not be held responsible for unauthorized opinions of its Members, no matter how or where expressed.

Section 3. GENDER. The use of one gender in this Constitution shall include the other gender, the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

Section 4. INTERPRETATION. Any dispute or question concerning the interpretation or meaning of this Constitution shall be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 5. CONTROLLING AUTHORITY. This Constitution shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 6. FUNDRAISING LISTS. Any fundraising lists created and maintained by CenTex YR shall be the sole property of the organization and may not be distributed or sold for any reason without the express approval of the EB.

## **Article XVI: Transition**

Section 1. VOTING REQUIREMENTS JULY 2010 ELECTION. All Active Members as of the July 2010 General Assembly Meeting are eligible to vote at the time of the scheduled elections following passage of the constitutional amendments that day. The thirty-day requirement will not take effect until any subsequent special elections after July 2010, or regularly scheduled Officer elections in 2011, whichever comes first.

Section 2. OFFICER TERMS 2010-2011. Officers elected immediately following the passage of the constitutional amendments in July 2010 shall serve terms through the end of December 2011. Regular elections shall commence according to the schedule outlined above in Article X effective the November General Assembly meeting of 2011.