

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
WILLIAMSON COUNTY
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 Williamson County Young Republicans, hereafter sometimes referred to as WilCo YR.

Article II: Purposes

WilCo YR exists as a non-profit and educational organization. Its purposes are:

- A. To advance the growth of the Republican Party by assisting in the election of Republican nominees to public office.
- B. To discover and prepare young Republican leaders to help build the future of the Party.
- C. To encourage awareness and active participation in the political process at all levels of government by Members WilCo YR and the community.
- D. To support and promote the platform and conservative ideals of the Republican Party of Texas and the Texas Young Republican Federation.

Article III: Powers

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

Article IV: Definitions

- Section 1 Expect where provided to the contrary herein, the term *Member* refers to *Active Member, Associate Member* or *Honorary Member* as defined in Article V.
- Section 2 *Executive Committee* refers to WilCo YR elected officers and all current Committee Chairmen.
- Section 3 *Executive Board* shall consist of the elected officers of WilCo YR as defined in Article VII.
- Section 4 *Assembly* refers to any meeting of WilCo YR Members conducted under Article X of this Constitution.

Article V: Membership

- Section 1 The Membership of WilCo YR shall be limited to the following classes:
Active Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members.
- Section 2 The requirements for individual Members in WilCo YR are set forth below:
- A. ACTIVE MEMBER: Any person who meet the following requirements is classified as an Active Member of the WilCo YR:
- (i) At least 18 years of age, but not over 40 years of age;
- (ii) A registered voter in the State of Texas;
- (iii) Who believes in the objectives of the WilCo YR; and
- (iv) Has paid their annual membership dues
- B. ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Any person who does not meet the qualifications for Active Membership, but who desired to participate in the activities of the WilCo YR, may become an Associate Member. Associate Members shall have all rights and privileges of Membership in the WilCo YR, but may not vote or serve an Officer, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the WilCo YR.
- C. HONORARY MEMBER: An Honorary Member may also be an Active Member if s/he meets the requirements for Active Membership. Honorary Members who are not Active Members shall have all rights and privileges of Membership in the WilCo YR, but may not vote or serve as an Officer, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the WilCo YR. Dues for Honorary Members shall be paid by WilCo YR.
- Section 3 Membership lists of WilCo YR shall not be sold or otherwise distributed for purposes of solicitation. If any member uses or allows the use of the WilCo YR Membership information to be used for reasons of solicitation not of the political nature, said member can be removed from WilCo YR as described in Article XI of this Constitution.
- Section 4 The EB may, by a three-quarters vote, expel an individual Member for good cause. Good cause as used in this Section shall include, but not limited to the following:
- a. Conduct which is in violation of this Constitution or which is detrimental to the welfare of the WilCo YR or the Republican Party.

The President or any two elected officers may propose the expulsion of any Member by delivering to the President written Calls for Expulsion. The

President shall place the expulsion proceedings on the agenda for next scheduled Assembly Meeting and shall notify the Secretary. The Secretary shall send written notice of the expulsion to the Member under consideration. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail and by any other means likely to reach the member and be transmitted at least ten days in advance of the meeting. Said notice shall include the grounds for expulsion as well as the time and place of the Assembly Meeting at which the expulsion is to be considered. The Member shall also have the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which expulsion is to be considered. A Member who has been expelled is not eligible for any kind of Membership, but a Member may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote from the EB or of the delegates at the TYRF State Convention.

Article VI: Dues

- Section 1 The fiscal year of WilCo YR shall be the calendar year.
- Section 2 Dues for each Member shall include the annual fee as assessed by the Texas Young Republican Federation.
- Section 3 The annual dues required for Members in WilCo YR shall be determined by the EB. Dues for Active Members, Associate Members or Honorary Members may vary from year to year.
- Section 4 Membership in WilCo YR shall expire on December 31 of each year. . Dues for new Members who join WilCo YR between January 1 and December 31 shall be assessed at a full year Membership rate.

Article VII: Officers

- Section 1 The elected officers, known as the EB, of WilCo YR shall consist of a President, 1st Vice President-Membership, 2nd Vice President-Programming, Secretary and Treasurer. All elected officers must be an Active Member of WilCo YR for thirty days prior to being elected into office.
- Section 2 The President shall preside over all WilCo YR meetings. In the President's absence, the 1st Vice President shall so preside. Thereafter, the chain of succession shall be 2nd Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Section 3 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the WilCo YR. The President shall be deemed to be an ex-officio member of all Committees. The powers and duties of the President shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. To supervise and coordinate the activities of the Williamson County Young Republicans in conjunction with the Executive Board;
- B. To appoint Committees and Members to those Committees;
- C. To create or terminate official elected/non-elected offices and appoint persons to such positions;
- D. To set the initial agenda for Assembly Meetings and to preside at Assembly Meetings and Executive Board Meetings.
- E. To serve as a representative to the WilCo YR organization at quarterly Texas Young Republican Federation Board Meetings and Annual Convention in addition to adhering to officer expectations; including submitting WilCo YR Membership Roster, WilCo YR Officer Roster, WilCo YR Constitution and TYRF Membership dues at the respected time.

Section 4 The 1st Vice President-Membership shall perform such duties as the President shall designate; shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. 1st Vice President-Membership shall be responsible for all activities associated with Membership recruitment. The duties of the 1st Vice President-Membership shall include, but not limited to the following:

- A. Maintain a master copy of the WilCo YR Membership Application;
- B. Perform necessary updates and modifications to the WilCo YR Membership Application;
- C. Collect annual dues from Members and provide to the Treasurer;
- D. Retain all WilCo YR Membership Applications for record;
- E. Maintain the WilCo YR Master Membership record and provide to President when requested;
- F. Overseeing Political Activity Chair and Fundraising Chair.

Section 5 The 2nd Vice President-Programming shall perform such duties as the President shall designate; in the absence of the 1st Vice President-Membership, perform the duties of the President. 2nd Vice President-Programming shall be responsible for all programming activities associated with monthly Assembly Meetings. The duties of the 2nd Vice President-Programming shall include, but not limited to the following:

- A. Maintain an updated list of all Williamson County elected officials and other Republican Party officials;
- B. Responsible for scheduling monthly speakers and securing meeting locations for Assembly Meetings and/or any special events held by WilCo YR;
- C. Overseeing the Social Chair and the Communication Chair.

Section 6 The Secretary shall perform such duties as the President shall designate. The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not limited to the following:

- A. Record and distribute meeting minutes and votes of all proceedings of the WilCo YR;
- B. Maintain a roster of attendees at Assembly Meetings;
- C. Coordinate all media related activities such as distribute meeting notices to media and other interested parties;
- D. Record and report volunteer hours of Members;
- E. Appoint assistants if necessary and desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of office.

Section 7 The Treasurer shall perform such duties as the President shall designate. Executive Board shall be the only authorized users on the bank account. All EB Members shall have permission to write, authorize and sign for checks. The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not limited to the following:

- A. Receive, expend and account for the funds of the WilCo YR under the supervision and control of the EB;
- B. Maintain a checking account on behalf of WilCo YR and may establish additional accounts as needed;

- C. Maintain all financial records for WilCo YR and provide receipts for each Membership application and/or exchange of monies;
- D. Submit a written report of finances at all Assembly Meetings called by the President;
- E. Appoint assistants if necessary and desirable for the efficient performance of the duties of the office.

Section 8 An office may be declared vacant by the President if the Officer holding the office is absent from three or more meetings of the EB, provided that such officeholder maybe 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 President may fill the vacancy, subject to approval of the EB, for the remainder of the un-expired term. An appointee shall hold temporary title to the office until the EB approves or disapproves of the appointment. If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, the 1st Vice President-Programming shall assume the duties and title of that office, and, in the role of the President, shall fill the vacancy in the office of the 1st Vice President subject to approval by the EB.

Article VIII: Elections

Section 1 Any member desiring to run for officer of WilCo YR must submit name and office to the President prior to the November General Assembly meeting. If said meeting is not held, the member must submit by November 30.

Requirements for potential officers are:

- A. Must be an Active member.
- B. Dues must be paid at least thirty days prior to the held elections.

Section 2 All officers shall serve terms of one year. All officers shall be elected by ballot at the November WilCo YR meeting, or by mail ballot under such regulations as prescribed by the EB. The Elections shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Elected officers shall take office at the first meeting of the following fiscal year. Immediately after the annual election, an officer of WilCo YR, as determined by the EB, shall forward the names of the newly elected officers to the Secretary of the Texas Young Republican Federation.

Section 3 No member shall be eligible to hold two elected offices simultaneously.

Section 4 Voting shall be held by secret ballot, in writing. Election shall be by a majority of the Active Members present. There is no requirement for a quorum for elections. 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 President in advance and can provide a written testimony of their intent for desired office.

Section 5 Special elections can be held at any time called by the President should there be a vacancy.

Section 6 No officer shall receive salary or wages for services provided in his or her capacity as an officer to the WilCo YR.

Article IX: Executive Board

Section 1 The Executive Board shall conduct all duties authorized by the Assembly, in addition to administering the general business of WilCo YR; provided, however, that the Assembly shall have the authority to limit the authority of the Executive Board by the adoption of Standing Rules, and shall also have the authority to rescind any decision of the Executive Board at the next Assembly meeting following the Executive Board meeting during which said decision was made.

Section 2 A majority of the voting Members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3 The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President or at the call of two voting Members of the Executive Board at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 4 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 The meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to all Members of WilCo YR, and any other individual specifically invited by majority consent of the Board.

Section 6 Proxies must give written notice of said proxy. Written notice must be presented at the beginning of the Executive Board meeting.

Article X: Assembly Meetings

- Section 1 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 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 of the Assembly shall be held on the call of the Executive Board with proper advance notification to WilCo YR.

Article XI: Amendment Procedure

- Section 1 This Constitution is subject to amendment or repeal. This Constitution may be repealed or amended upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present at any Assembly meeting.
- Section 2 All amendments to this Constitution shall be subject to approval by the Executive Board of the Texas Young Republican Federation.

Article XII: Parliamentary Authority

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

Article XIV: Texas Young Republican Federation Affiliation

- Section 1 WilCo 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 The President 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 President shall select the Delegates from the list of those Members of WilCo YR who are interested in becoming Delegates and are committed to attending the State Convention.

Article XV: Dissolution

- Section 1 Upon the dissolution of the Williamson County Young Republicans, any assets remaining thereafter shall be transferred to the Texas Young Republican Federation.
- Section 2 In the event that the Texas Young Republican Federation is not then in existence, the assets shall be conveyed to an organization dedicated to the achievement of goals similar to those of the Texas Young Republican Federation.

Article XVI: Miscellaneous

- Section 1 Neither the WilCo 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 WilCo YR shall not be held responsible for unauthorized opinions of its Members, no matter how or where expressed.
- Section 3 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 Any dispute or question concerning the interpretation or meaning of this Constitution shall be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board after consulting the opinions of all available former WilCo YR Presidents.
- Section 5 This Constitution shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Article XVII: Effective Date of This Constitution Takes Effect

Provided this Constitution is approved by two-thirds majority vote of the voting Members present at an Assembly meeting, this Constitution shall take effect on June 26, 2008.