



Constitution of the Franklin County Young Democrats

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Franklin County Young Democrats. The headquarters for this organization shall be the Franklin County Democratic Party Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND AFFILIATION

Section 2. This organization shall be affiliated with, and seek the advice and cooperation of, the Ohio Young Democrats, the Young Democrats of America, the Franklin County Democratic Party, the Ohio Democratic Party, and the Democratic National Committee.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any individual—regardless of race, creed, gender, national origin or sexual orientation—who professes and demonstrates allegiance to the philosophy, principles, and goals of the Democratic Party shall be eligible to become a member of the Franklin County Young Democrats.

Section 2. There shall be two (2) classes of membership for individuals in this organization. They are as follows:

- A. Regular - Any person who has attained their sixteenth (16) birthday, but has not attained their thirty-sixth (36) birthday, shall be eligible for full rights and privileges, including voting, as a Regular Member upon receipt of necessary application and dues as decided upon by the Executive Committee. A Regular Member automatically becomes an Honorary Member upon the attainment of their thirty-sixth birthday.
- B. Honorary (Young at Heart) - Any person who has attained their thirty-sixth (36) birthday shall be eligible for a non-voting honorary membership upon the receipt of necessary application and dues as decided upon by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Any Regular Member shall be eligible to vote upon establishing membership in this organization.

Section 4. Membership in this organization shall be for a period of one year. Renewal of membership shall be the responsibility of the individual member.

Section 5. The yearly dues of this organization shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee on a yearly basis.

Section 6. A person who elects to become a member of this organization shall be deemed to have accepted this constitution and the policies of this organization, and shall be bound by them in all respects as if he or she had been a member at the time of their adoption.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and

Communications Director.

Section 2. The elected officers of this organization shall name officers to become Directors or Committee Chairs, as determined by the elected officers. These appointed officers will become voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Positions, and members appointed to fill the positions, shall be voted upon by the elected officers and presented to the voting membership within two (2) months of the elected officers' election.

Section 4. When selecting the appointed officers, the elected officers shall seek the advice of the organization's membership in determining necessary functions and positions.

Section 5. Members may offer objections or amendments to any part of the recommended slate. Any discrepancy shall be decided by a simple majority of regular members present. Elected officers may present new positions for approval by regular meetings at any time during their tenure.

Section 6. Appointed officers are subject to the same impeachment procedures as elected officers as described in Article IX of this Constitution.

Section 7. Vice Chairs or committees may be established at any time by appointed officers at the individual's discretion.

Section 8. The Executive Committee for this organization shall be composed of those officers named in Section 1 and Section 2 of Article IV of this constitution. The Executive Committee shall formulate, propose and implement projects that supervise the activities of this organization. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the order of the membership and none of their actions shall conflict with this constitution. An officer of the Executive Committee shall give previous notice to the President when they are unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting.

Section 9. The term of officers shall be one (1) year. An officer of this organization may hold office for unlimited consecutive terms. An officer of this organization shall not concurrently serve two or more offices.

Section 10. The election of officers shall be held on a yearly basis as determined by the Executive Committee, which coincides with the approximate expiration of officer terms.

Section 11. The duties of the elected officers shall be as follows:

A. President - The President shall direct and be responsible for programs and the developments of this organization; be the presiding officer at all regular meetings; create, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, an administrative policy; and, by virtue of the position, chair the organization's Executive Committee. The President also has the power to create ad hoc volunteer committees.

B. Vice President - The Vice President shall take charge of the duties and responsibilities of the President in his/her absence or incapacity, and shall perform such-duties as may be assigned by the President.

C. Communications Director - shall be responsible for assisting with communication between the Franklin County Democratic Party and Democratic organizations in Franklin County and throughout the state. Other duties include maintaining our website, facebook page, and twitter account; maintaining a list of press contacts; writing and distributing press releases, and any other responsibilities deemed appropriate by the executive committee.

D. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall:

- receive and deposit all money due to the organization
- maintain records of such funds
- give a statement of finances at every meeting of the Executive Committee
- Serve as Chair of the Finance Committee
- Any other responsibilities deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee

E. Secretary – The Secretary shall:

- Possess and maintain a list of all executive committee officers, and all members of this organization.
- Notify members of meetings.
- Keep a record of all Executive Committee meetings and an updated schedule of events.
- Secure copies of individual committee reports.
- Include meeting minutes
- Any other duties responsibilities deemed appropriate by exec board

Section 12. In the event the President of this organization resigns, or is permanently unable to perform the aforementioned duties, the Vice President shall be installed as President, and the Executive Committee shall appoint a new Vice President.

Section 13. In the event that an officer other than the President resigns or is permanently unable to perform their duties, or if a vacancy exists on the Executive Committee, the President shall appoint a Regular Member or fulfill the duties for the remainder of the unexpired term. Such an appointment requires a simple majority approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The President shall call to order regular meetings of the Executive Committee to be held at a time and place set forth by the President.

Section 2. The President shall call to order regular meetings of the organization's membership at a time and place set forth by the President.

ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and where they are not inconsistent with this constitution, its bylaws and policies.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The elected officials of this organization shall be duly elected by those Regular Members in good standing.

Section 2. All officers and candidates for office shall be Regular Members in good standing and remain so throughout their term of office, as well as meeting any and all requirements set forth by this organization's constitution and policies.

Section 3. An elections officer, which shall be appointed by the President and approved by a majority of voting members on the day of the election, will oversee elections. The elections officer may not be anyone who is running for office in the organization concurrently. The elections officer is responsible for overseeing the elections meeting and proceedings, including the authentication of voting members. Authentication includes (a) ensuring that all who vote are eligible according to constitutional guidelines, and that (b) no more than one vote is cast per eligible member.

ARTICLE VIII. AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. In recognition of the benefits and services available to this organization and its members through its affiliations with the Ohio Young Democrats, this organization shall exercise its rights and privileges of participation in the governance and activities of the Ohio Young Democrats. This organization shall provide for its proper representation at all meetings and conventions of the Ohio Young Democrats, and shall be in good standing.

Section 2. This organization's Executive Committee shall provide for the prompt payment of all dues and other obligations to the Ohio Young Democrats, and shall submit all properly completed reports required by the Ohio Young Democrats.

Section 3. A copy of this document and any amendment(s) shall be filed with the Ohio Young Democrats by this organization's Secretary.

ARTICLE IX. IMPEACHMENT

Section 1. Any officer may be removed for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance. A petition for removal of an officer shall be signed by at least one-third (1/3) of the regular members of this organization, or by one-half (1/2) of the members of the Executive Committee. The petition shall be submitted to any member of the Executive Committee, who shall convene a special session of the Executive Committee within fifteen (15) days. That committee member shall present the petition for consideration and recommendation at that meeting.

Section 2. The petition, having attained the required signatures and being reviewed by the Executive Committee, must be referred to the regular membership. A meeting of the regular membership shall be held within thirty (30) days following the Executive Committee's referral.

Section 3. At the meeting of the regular membership, the officer receiving the petition shall present the findings and recommendations of the Executive Committee. The officer in question will have the opportunity to present their beliefs regarding this matter. An officer shall be removed from office upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Regular Members present.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting, or be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Notice of such amendments shall be submitted in writing to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the amendment's vote.

Section 2. The constitution shall be amended at a regular meeting of this organization's membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present.

Section 3. Unless otherwise indicated specifically in the language of an amendment, amendments are to become

effective immediately upon adoption.