

CONSTITUTION OF THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA

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April 4, 1964 - Rochester

April 3, 1965 - St. Paul

April 16, 1966 - Hopkins

April 15, 1967 - Mankato

April 20, 1968 - Moorhead

April 19, 1969 - St. Paul

April 17, 1970 - Minneapolis

June 12, 1971 - Burnsville

April 22, 1972 - Hopkins

June 2, 1973 - Bloomington

June 8, 1974 - St. Paul

May 31, 1975 - St. Paul

May 8, 1976 - St. Paul

May 14, 1977 - St. Paul

May 20, 1978 - St. Paul

May 19, 1979 - St. Louis Park

June 28, 1980 - St. Paul

May 30, 1981 - St. Paul

May 8, 1992 - St. Paul

July 26, 1992 - Bloomington

June 19, 1993 - Minneapolis

June 4, 1994 - Arden Hills

June 5, 1995 - Minneapolis

May 18, 1996 - Bloomington

May 31, 1997 - Bloomington

June 30, 1999 - St. Paul

July 31, 1999 - St. Paul

June 3, 2000 – Bloomington

May 18, 2002 – St. Paul

May 25, 2005 – Minneapolis

May 3, 2008 – Blaine

May 21, 2009 – St. Louis Park

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PREAMBLE

The Young Republican League of Minnesota Constitution

The Young Republican League of Minnesota, also known as “The League,” “Minnesota Young Republican’s,” “YRs,” or “MNYRs” is dedicated to integrating conservative principles, community, and activism in order to sustain conservative ideals among young Minnesotans. We, the conservative young adults of the State of Minnesota, believing that the intellectual life in this state is best served by having an active, welcoming, and confident conservative group working to organize and expand formal and informal networks, identify, recruit and develop leaders for public office, and educate the public on our values, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Young Republican League of Minnesota, a 501c4 social welfare organization.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. NAME: The name of the organization is The Young Republican League of Minnesota, also known as “The League,” “Minnesota Young Republicans,” “YRs,” or “MNYRs”

Section 2. NAME OF MEMBERSHIP: The voting Membership of The League shall be known as the “Assembly”. The elected officials designated by the Assembly to run the organization, “Board Members”, shall be known as the “Executive Board”, herein referred to as “the Board”.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP: The requirements for voting Membership in the League shall be in accordance with the existing state and federal laws. Membership is extended to any eligible or registered voter in the state of Minnesota between the ages of eighteen (18) and forty (40) who promises to support, maintain, and share the conservative principles of The League. Upon current payment of membership dues, the amount and frequency of which will be determined by the Board, these Members are considered “Active Members” and constitute the Assembly. A portion of a member’s dues will also be assigned to their geographic chapter as determined by the Board. Any other action taken in regard to membership or dues is reserved to the Board.

Section 4. HONORARY MEMBERS: The Honorary Membership of the League shall include persons who have paid the required dues and are: over age forty (40), who are, or are eligible to be, registered voters of the State of Minnesota; those who are not eligible voters; those who are not Minnesota residents; or those who otherwise would like to support the organization but do not meet requirements for Membership. Honorary Membership shall enjoy all privileges of Active

members except voting powers, holding League office, or privileges otherwise restricted by this Constitution or the Bylaws.

Section 5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Associate Member: persons who have not yet attained 18 years of age, with neither voting powers or the ability to run for county, district, or state YR office. There is no fee associated with this membership.

ARTICLE II. STATE CONVENTIONS

Section 1. GENERAL: The League must schedule an annual meeting of the Assembly, herein referred to as the Annual State Convention, which shall be the time and place to amend this Constitution as provided for in Article VII, elect certain members of the Board as provided for in Article IV, elect certain delegates and alternates to the State Conventions of the Republican Party of Minnesota, and approve resolutions, an action agenda, or any other action for the League as desired by the Assembly.

Section 2. NOTICE: Notice of the Annual State Convention, stating the time and place, shall be provided to the Assembly at the direction of the Chair, not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual State Convention. The Call of the Convention shall be provided to the Assembly not less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual State Convention.

Section 3. SPECIAL STATE CONVENTION: A special meeting of the Assembly to be known as a Special State Convention, may be called by a majority vote of the entire Board to be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board. Notice of a Special State Convention, stating the time, place, and purpose, shall be prepared and communicated to all dues-paid members of the Assembly at the direction of the Chair, not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the Special State Convention.

Section 4. STATE CONVENTION VOTING: Those Active Members of the League shall be eligible to participate as a delegate at a State Convention whose membership applications have been received at or before the State Convention. Each delegate will have one (1) vote. There are no proxies at a State Convention, and quorum at a State Convention will be decided by the Convention Rules Committee at each State Convention.

Subsection 1. Chapters. Each Local Chapter shall be recognized at a State Convention whose request for chartering (or re-chartering) has been submitted in writing to one or more members of the Board at or before the State Convention, and whose current charter application is approved by the State Convention.

Section 5. STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES: The following committees shall exist for the Annual or Special State Convention. The Committees are the Credentials Committee, the Elections Committee, and the Convention Rules Committee. The Executive Board Chair may appoint the Chair for each committee, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III. LEAGUE GOVERNING BODIES

Section 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD: In order to conduct the business of the League between State Conventions and on an ongoing basis, the League shall be governed by the Executive Board.

Section 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSITION: The Executive Board shall be composed of the State Officers of the League.

SubSection 1. Function: The general management of the affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board. All powers of the League shall be vested in the Board, except those specifically vested in the individual officers of the League. The Board may delegate from time to time the powers and duties conferred upon it as it shall deem necessary in accordance with State law.

SubSection 2. Voting: Each member of the Board shall have one (1) vote. Board members may vote by electronic mail message furnished to the Secretary if they so choose.

SubSection 3. Quorum: One third (1/3) of the membership of the Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the members of the Board present may adjourn a meeting from time to time without further notice until a quorum is present. If a quorum is present when a duly called or held meeting is convened, the members of the Board present may continue to transact business until adjournment, even though the withdrawal of a number of the members of the Board originally present leaves less than the proportion or number otherwise required for a quorum.

SubSection 4. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least four (4) times during the calendar year.

SubSection 5. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time by order of the Chair or upon written request of not less than fifty percent (50%) of the membership of the Board. Such written request shall be addressed to either the Chair or the State Secretary of the League and shall set forth the general purpose of the meeting requested. Such a meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days after such written request has been received by either State officer at such time and place as those calling the meeting shall designate. If a Board member requests Electronic Communication as provided in Article IV Section 10, such communication must be provided.

SubSection 6. Notice of Meetings: Notice, whether written or by electronic mail, of each Board meeting shall be provided at least seven (7) days in advance to all members of the Board, to include non-voting members.

SubSection 7. Acts of the Executive Board: Except as otherwise required by law or specified in this Constitution, the Board shall take action by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board present at a duly held meeting.

SubSection 8. Rules: Robert's Rules of Order (Latest Revised Edition) shall be adhered to and followed at all meetings of the Board, unless the Board shall adopt alternate or supplemental meeting rules by majority vote prior to commencement of a meeting. The Board shall adopt Bylaws which shall implement the purposes and goals of the League and set forth the operating and general management programs and policy of the Board for the Assembly. The Bylaws and any changes shall be posted in an easily accessible place for the Assembly to observe.

SubSection 9. Records: The Board shall cause to be kept a full and complete record of all its proceedings, which records shall be open to inspection by any Active Member of the League at any reasonable time. Certain other documents may be restricted for non-distributive in-person-review at the discretion of the Board. Documents and proceedings shall also be produced as required under law and may be shared with an individual who is not an Active Member on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Board.

SubSection 10. Presiding Officer: The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Board. The State Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board, which shall be furnished to each member of the Board within a reasonable time. In the event of the absence of the Chair from a duly called meeting and if quorum is present, the Board may conduct the meeting with the Presiding Officer for that meeting being determined by the following order of succession: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS, QUALIFICATIONS, VACANCIES, REMOVAL, APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION: The delegates shall elect the State Officers of the League and certain National Committee Officers at the Annual State Convention as provided in this Article.

Section 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICES: The State Officers of the League shall consist of a Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Secretary, Outreach Chair, Finance Director, and Chair Emeritus (Non- Voting Member), who shall each be nominated from the floor and elected by ballot of the delegates at the Annual State Convention. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall serve as delegates to the Young Republican National Federation.

Section 3. APPOINTED OFFICES: There shall be appointed by the Chair and ratified by a majority vote of the Executive Board, a Parliamentarian, who must be an Active Member and a registered Parliamentarian, and a General Counsel, who shall be an Active Member and who shall further be an attorney-at-law licensed to practice in the State of Minnesota and who shall serve as Legal Counsel to the League. The Parliamentarian and General Counsel shall serve as nonvoting members of the Board, except that any such individuals who also serve as a State Officer of the League shall retain full voting rights on the Board. The Chair may appoint other positions as needed subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 4. DUTIES: The State Officers of the League and the National Committee Officers shall have the powers and duties usually incidental to their respective offices, shall be members of the

Board as set forth in Article III, and shall have such additional functions and responsibilities as shall be set forth in the Bylaws. In addition, the Chair shall be deemed to be Ex-Officio the Chair of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the League for the purposes of compliance with State Law. The State Deputy Chair shall be deemed to be Ex- Officio the ranking Vice President of the League.

SubSection 1. Duties: The full and actual duties and responsibilities of each office shall be laid out in the League Bylaws. Any duty not mentioned in the Constitution is reserved to delegation as the Executive Board sees fit.

SubSection 2. Chair: Liaison to the Young Republican National Federation, Republican Party of Minnesota, the Minnesota Governor's office and candidates, and any federal elected officials and candidates.

SubSection 3. Secretary: Takes meeting minutes.

SubSection 4. Deputy Chair: Liaison to all campaigns, and with all other state level public officials.

SubSection 5. Treasurer: Manage and distribute MNYR funds and maintenance of MNYR database of new, expired and prospective members (including good standing status of Active Members). Also required to submit and track all paperwork and filing deadlines required at the state and federal level for a 501c4.

SubSection 6. National Committeeman: Represent MNYR before the Young Republican National Federation.

SubSection 7. National Committeewoman: Represent MNYR before the Young Republican National Federation.

SubSection 8. Outreach Chair: Liaison between state Board, chapters, and the Assembly.

SubSection 9. Finance Director: Create fundraising goals.

SubSection 10. Chair Emeritus: Must be a former MNYR Chair. Nonvoting.

Section 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS; TERMS OF OFFICE: The Chair shall have been an Active Member of the League for a period of at least one (1) year at any time prior to their election. Anyone who wants to run for this position must also have been a member of the Executive Board, or a chapter chair, for a period of at least one (1) year at any time prior to their election.

SubSection 1. Term of Office: The term of office for each member of the Executive Board is no longer than one (1) year, except for the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, which shall be for a two (2) year term. In cases where the Annual Convention is held more than twelve (12) months apart, each Member of the Board shall serve until his or her successor is elected

at an Annual State Convention as prescribed in Article II. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each National Regional officer of the Young Republican National Federation shall serve for the period of the respective National or Regional term, unless appointed to fill an unexpired term, and shall serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

Section 6. VACANCIES: Vacancies on the Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board upon occurrence or at the next meeting thereafter, even though less than a quorum. Each person elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office until a qualified successor is elected by the Assembly at the next regular meeting or at any special meeting duly called for that purpose.

Section 7. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE LEAGUE: Any Member of the League may be removed from office or membership for cause by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board at a meeting called for that purpose, after a hearing preceded by at least fourteen (14) days written notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting and the reasons asserted for the requested removal from office/membership. Cause will be determined at the discretion of the Board and may be defined in the By Laws. Any such removal by the Board may be reversed by the affirmative vote of eighty percent (80%) of the League's Active Members present at a Special State Convention called for such purpose.

Subsection 1. Removal for Absences: Any member of the Board may be considered for removal from office after two (2) consecutive unexcused absences or three (3) non-consecutive unexcused absences during their term of office.

Section 8. APPOINTMENTS: The Chair, subject to approval of the Board, may appoint as many program chairs as the Chair deems necessary to manage the programs and projects that the League shall institute. These program chairs shall be responsible to the Board.

Section 9. ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING: Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing or in electronic message, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed or electronically submitted by the number of Executive Board members that would be required to take the same action at a meeting at which all Executive Board members were present. The actions shall then be posted in a way that is easily visible by the Assembly.

Section 10. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS: A conference among Board members by any means of communication through which the Board members may simultaneously hear each other during the conference constitutes a board meeting, if the same notice is given of the conference as would be required by law or these Bylaws for a meeting, and if the number of Board members participating in the conference would be sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting. Participation in a meeting by that means constitutes presence in person at the meeting. A Board member may participate in a Board meeting not described above by any means of communication through which the Board member, other Board members, so participating, and all Board members physically present at the meeting may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. Participation in a meeting by such means described herein constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

Section 11. ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: A Board member may give advance written consent or opposition to a proposal to be acted on at a Board meeting. If the Board member is not present at the meeting, consent or opposition to a proposal does not constitute presence for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum, but consent or opposition shall be counted as a vote in favor of or against the proposal and shall be entered in the minutes or other record of action at the meeting, if the proposal acted on at the meeting has substantially the same effect as the proposal to which the Board member has consented or objected.

Section 12. COMMITTEES: The Executive Board or the Chair may create any special committees. Each special committee shall expire at the discretion of the Board. The Board may review or revise any action of any committee(s).

Section 13. OVERSIGHT OF WEBSITE AND EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST: The Chair is responsible for approval of content and maintaining/revising all MNYR website content. The Chair shall have sole discretion over use of, and membership on, the MNYR statewide email distribution list. Regardless of creator(s) and/or author(s), all MNYR website content, and the e-mail distribution list shall at all times remain the sole property of the League. The Chair may at any time delegate these responsibilities to an appointed officer.

Section 14. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO Y.R.N.F. CONVENTIONS: Each member of the Board shall be a Delegate to the Young Republican National Federation Conventions held during his or her term in office. At the advice of the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, the Board shall appoint as many additional Delegates and Alternates to the Young Republican National Federation Conventions as shall be necessary to fill the seats allotted to the delegation from the Minnesota Young Republicans. Such additional Delegates shall be Active Members in good standing of the League and shall be appointed at a duly called Executive Board meeting held prior to the date necessary to certify such Delegates and Alternates to the Young Republican National Federation.

ARTICLE V. NOTICE

Section 1. FORM OF NOTICE: For all notices to be provided herein, notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall, unless otherwise prescribed herein, be deemed effective if delivered in writing personally, by mail, or by electronic mail (e-mail) transmission to each individual entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail, addressed to the person at his or her address as it appears on the League's record books, with postage thereon prepaid. If delivered by e-mail such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when transmitted through such medium to such person's e-mail address as such address appears on the Chair's records.

Section 2. WAIVER OF NOTICE: Any person may waive notice of any meeting. Waiver of notice shall be effective whether given before, at, or after the meeting and whether given in writing, or by attendance. Attendance at a meeting is a waiver of notice of that meeting, except where the person objects at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened and does not participate thereafter in the meeting, or objects

before a vote on an item of business because the items may not lawfully be considered at that meeting and does not participate in the consideration of that item at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSON

The Chair shall be the designated spokesperson for the League. No other members of the Board or any county leaders shall be authorized to express views or speak on behalf of the League or the Board on any matter in such person's official capacity (except that a chair of a Local Club may be the designated spokesperson for such Local Club only) unless the Chair or the Board has considered and taken action on the merits of such matter and has authorized discussion of such matter. Violation of this section may constitute grounds for removal "for cause" as set forth in Article IV, Section 7.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended at any Annual State Convention without prior notice, except that one (1) hour must elapse between the proposal of said amendment and the voting thereon, and at any Special State Convention called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or at any time at the next Annual State Convention when the proposed new Constitution was distributed along with the Call of the Convention. To amend these Corporate By-Laws at a Special State Convention, notice of the proposed amendments shall be furnished to the Secretary, in writing, and shall send said amendments to the members of the League at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the Special State Convention.