

## **North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans - Constitution**

### **PREAMBLE**

We the Teenage Republicans of North Carolina, in order to encourage young men and women of desire and ability to actively participate in the political process specific to the Republican Party, shall, through the North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans, seek to further the goals of the Party by enabling and mobilizing Republican youth.

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans, hereinafter referred to as “Teenage Republicans”, “NCTARS” or simply as “TARS”, and its member units shall be referred to as “TAR clubs”.

### **ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the Teenage Republicans shall be:

- (A) To support and advance the principles and goals of the Republican Party.
- (B) To bring young people into the Republican Party and provide an opportunity for them to actively participate in the political process.
- (C) To collect, discuss, and disseminate information concerning political events, issues and philosophy specific to the Republican Party.
- (D) To coordinate and promote the activities of all TARS clubs in the state of North Carolina, and facilitate dialogue/cooperation with the other Republican youth auxiliaries (i.e. Young Republicans and College Republicans).
- (E) To support Republican candidates on a non-discriminatory basis.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1.**

Active membership in the Teenage Republicans is open to all persons residing in North Carolina who support the ideals of the Republican Party and who are between the ages of thirteen (13) to nineteen (19).

#### **Section 2.**

The North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans shall be organized by county. There shall be a Board in each county composed of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. It shall be this Board’s duty to oversee sub chapters in high schools in their county. The Chairman of NCTARS shall nominate a Chairman of each congressional district on an annual basis and the NCTARS Executive Board shall approve each nomination by a two-thirds vote. The duty of each congressional district Chairman shall be to organize clubs in his or her district and assist in

communication between the state Executive Board and county chapters. All officers must reside in the area they represent. Each congressional district TARS club must submit to the NCTARS Chairman and the NTARS Secretary applications for charter to include the following:

- (A) A copy of the TARS club bylaws signed and dated by the club Chairman and Secretary, if applicable.
- (B) A list of the names, titles, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the TARS club officers and advisors.
- (C) A complete list of club members (active and associate) including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and year of high school graduation.

### **Section 3.**

The club shall then ensure that the NCTARS Chairman and the NCTARS Secretary has received their charter application.

### **Section 4.**

Upon satisfaction with the completeness and accuracy of the application, the NCTARS Secretary shall enter all of the members into the NCTARS database.

### **Section 5.**

The charter issued for any TARS club under this rule shall expire on April 30 of each year following the issuance of the charter. The club shall then re-apply if it wants to retain its charter.

### **Section 6.**

Honorary members shall include any Republican elected on a state and federal level, as well as officials in the Republican Party that the TARS Executive Board has chosen to recognize.

Honorary members shall be invited to TARS events, but shall not be entitled to vote.

### **Section 7.**

There shall be no more than one TARS Club per school, and dual membership in more than one Teenage Republican Club is prohibited.

### **Section 8.**

Any member in good standing of a Teenage Republican Club fulfilling the requirements of Section 1 of this article shall be a member of the Federation. Once a person has turned the age of 20 they must resign as a member and cannot seek to become an elected official. If they are an elected officer they may not seek reelection at the next convention.

## **ARTICLE IV: ADVISOR, OFFICERS, and EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 1.**

NCTARS shall have a senior advisor and junior advisor who shall be invited to attend all meetings of the Executive Board and who shall exercise general direction/supervision over the activities of NCTARS. The Senior Advisor shall be appointed by the NCGOP Chairman annually between the months of May and June, and the Junior Advisor shall be elected at the NCTARS executive board meeting by a majority vote. They shall oversee the NCTARS Executive Board upon election. Where applicable/desirable, said Senior Advisor should be an individual who is active in Republican Party politics on their respective state's level or on a national level. The Junior Advisor shall assist the Senior Advisor in overseeing the NCTARS Executive Board.

### **Section 2.**

The elected officers of the NCTARS shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. All elected officers shall hold a term of office for one year, terms to begin at the close of the NCTARS Annual Convention, and serve no more than two consecutive terms in any one office. Each elected officer of the Executive Board shall be a current high school student enrolled in a North Carolina school, whether it is a public, private, or homeschool. NCTARS officers shall be members in good standing of a TARS club at the time of their election.

### **Section 3.**

The voting members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers and the Chairmen of the Committees under the Executive Board. In the case of a tie the Senior Advisor shall hold the right to vote. Only voting Executive Board members shall be considered in establishing/determining a quorum.

### **Section 4.**

The duties of the NCTARS Executive Board shall be:

- (A)** To prepare and recommend to each petitioning TARS club a model form of constitution and bylaws which may be adopted by said club in whole or in part provided a clause prohibiting the club, its members, officers or executive committee from endorsing candidates for public office prior to a primary election or nominating convention, be contained therein.
- (B)** To assist in the active creation/cultivation of new TARS clubs throughout North Carolina by disseminating TARS information accurately and timely.
- (C)** To fill, by election, any vacancy (other than Chairman) occurring on the NCTARS Executive Board

- (D) To host the annual NCTARS convention
- (E) To engage in fundraising activities.

### **Section 5.**

The NCTARS Executive Board shall have control and management of the affairs, properties, and funds of the North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans.

## **ARTICLE V: DUTIES of OFFICERS**

### **Section 1.**

The NCTARS Chairman, also referred to as the “Chair”, shall preside over all meetings of the NCTARS. The Chairman shall direct the actions of the committees. He/she shall appoint, and when deemed necessary remove all committees and their chairmen. He/she may represent the North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans at all senior Party meetings and functions.

### **Section 2.**

The Vice Chairman, also referred to as “Vice Chair”, shall represent the Teenage Republicans in any capacity designated by the Chairman and/or Executive Board. He/she shall assist the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall work to actively recruit young people into both the NCTARS and Republican Party, by working with local Clubs and assisting in any way necessary. In the event of the Chair’s absence or inability to preside over a meeting, the Chair’s power and duties shall proxy to the Vice Chair.

### **Section 3.**

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the NCTARS and shall maintain true and accurate records of all monies received and disbursed. He/she shall submit a complete statement of the NEFTAR account(s) at all meetings. He/she must receive authorization from the NCTARS Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote, prior to incurring any expense/paying any monies out that have not been previously approved by the Executive Board as a budgeted expense. The Treasurer shall be permitted to make expenditures of up to \$200 with the approval of both the NCTARS Chairman and the NCTARS Advisor. He/she shall supervise and participate in all of the fundraising of the NCTARS, and represent the Teenage Republicans in any other capacity designated by the Chairman.

### **Section 4.**

The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of the NCTARS, including but not limited to all Executive Board meetings and all meetings of general membership. He/she shall keep copies of meeting minutes and be prepared to make them available to the Executive Board or any member thereof upon request. Additionally the Secretary shall read the previous

meeting's minutes at each meeting. In addition, he or she shall be the primary organizer of all correspondence, literature, social media and historical records of NCTARS. The Secretary shall represent the Teenage Republicans in any other capacity designated by the Chairman and or executive board.

## **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1.**

The standing committees of the North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans shall be:

**(A)** Membership Committee- Shall aid local TARS clubs in recruiting members and shall seek to establish a TARS club in every high school in North Carolina. The Membership Committee shall submit to the Secretary of the NCTARS, a current and up-to-date list (including names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses) of current and potential members.

**(B)** Finance Committee- Shall be responsible for raising all general revenue, preparing financial reports and coordinating fundraising efforts. The Treasurer shall chair this committee.

**(C)** Resolutions Committee - Shall oversee resolutions brought to the committee concerning NCTARS by-laws, draft resolutions as the committee sees fit, and pass or

**(D)** Activities Committee - Shall plan, organize, and assist in executing events hosted by Teenage Republicans. The Activities Committee's Chair shall propose events to the Executive Board for approval and all spending and events must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

**(E)** Outreach Committee - Shall work to grow the North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans into all thirteen(13) congressional districts of North Carolina.

**(F)** Social Media Committee - Shall oversee the North Carolina Teenage Republicans Twitter Account and propose to the Executive Board that the federation make new social media accounts as needed.

### **Section 2.**

Each committee shall have a Chairman to be appointed by the NCTARS Chairman and a Secretary to be appointed by the Committee Chair from the membership of the Committee. The Committee Chairman shall preside over committee meetings. The Committee Secretary shall record the minutes of each committee meeting and forward a copy to the NCTARS Secretary. A written report shall be required of each committee chairman, to be presented at each meeting of the NCTARS Executive Board.

### **Section 3.**

The NCTARS Chairman shall have the authority to create functional committees on an as-needed basis, to perform those duties of said committee. Such committees shall perform as directed until said function is complete, or until the expiration of the term of the NCTARS Chairman.

## **ARTICLE VII: ANNUAL CONVENTION**

### **Section 1.**

The North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans shall hold an annual convention, no earlier than May of each year and no later than the end of June. The NCTARS Convention shall be held in Raleigh. The NCTARS Executive Board shall elect a Convention Committee for the conduct of the convention including but not limited to [Rules, Credentials, and Site Selection Committees.] The Rules Committee shall (i) propose pre-convention procedures, (ii) rules for the conduct of the convention, for approval by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have final approval of all matters relating to the conduct of the convention. Following the NCTARS Convention, the newly elected Executive Board shall not take power until after the closing of the North Carolina Republican Party Convention.

### **Section 2.**

Each duly-chartered TARS club shall be notified in writing of the date/location of any annual NCTARS convention, no less than 30 days prior to said convention.

### **Section 3.**

At any annual convention, each duly-registered TARS club shall be entitled to have four(4) delegates and one(1) additional delegate for every fifteen(15) registered members exceeding a minimum of 45 registered members. Each club shall be entitled to send one(1) alternate delegate, designated as to order of succession, Chairmen of clubs shall be ex-officio.

### **Section 4.**

Delegates must be present to vote, and proxies shall not be allowed.

## **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

### **Section 1.**

There shall be a minimum of four (4) regular meetings of the Executive Board yearly, to be held quarterly, and the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Board to be held in June. Such additional meetings may be held as the Chair may deem necessary.

### **Section 2.**

(A) Notice: All Executive Board meetings shall be called by the Secretary acting under instructions of the Chair. Notice of each Executive Board Meeting shall be emailed or mailed to the members of the Executive Board at least seven (7) days before the date of such meeting. An agenda for the meeting shall be mailed or emailed with the notice.

(B) When the Chairman and one-half( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Executive Board deem it necessary, an emergency Executive Board meeting may be called. Notice of each emergency Executive Board Meeting shall be emailed or mailed to the members of the Executive Board with one day's notice before the date and time.

### **Section 3.**

A quorum for all business shall consist of no fewer than four(4) Executive Board Members, although less than such number can act to adjourn a meeting.

### **Section 4.**

These bylaws and any procedural rules, consistent with the by-laws, adopted by a majority vote of the Executive Board shall govern all proceedings of the Executive Board and its standing and special committees. Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern all such proceeding, to the extent not in conflict with these by-laws or any such procedural rule.

## **ARTICLE IX: SUSPENSION/REVOCAION, REMOVAL and VACANCIES**

### **Section 1.**

Being convicted of illegal activity is grounds for immediate removal by the NCTARS Executive Board, up to and including suspension/revocation of an individual's office and/or membership in TARS.

### **Section 2.**

Vacancies in elected offices other than the office of Chairman, which shall be filled by the Vice Chairman, shall be filled by the NCTARS Chairman subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

### **Section 3.**

Unapproved absence of three(3) consecutive Executive Board meetings shall result in immediate suspension and censure from the Executive Board. Absences shall be approved by the Chairman.

## **ARTICLE X: ENDORSEMENTS**

### **Section 1.**

The North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans, its duly-chartered TARS clubs and all members belonging thereto, shall not endorse any opposed candidate for public office prior to the Republican Party primary or nominating convention, and then shall endorse only Republican candidates.

**Section 2.**

Should any officer of the NCTARS Executive Board, elected or appointed, any duly-chartered TARS club, or officer or member belonging thereto, advocate a split-party ticket, or support a candidate running on an opposition ticket, or espouse or join an opposing party, he or she must resign his/her office immediately, or subsequently be removed from office/membership.

**ARTICLE XI: RULES of ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern all meetings of the North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans, its Executive Board, and its committees.

**ARTICLE XII: COMPLIANCE**

The North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans (NCTARS), its chartered clubs, and all members belonging thereto, shall ultimately be subject to compliance with the state Republican Party Constitution and Bylaws. In the event of a discrepancy, the by-laws of the state Republican Party shall supersede the aforementioned and shall be the final authority in all matters related thereto.