



NCTARS

CONSTITUTION

of the

**NORTH CAROLINA
FEDERATION OF
TEENAGE REPUBLICANS**

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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 "TARS clubs".

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives 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 Representative of each region on an annual basis and the NCTARS Executive Board shall approve each nomination by a two-thirds vote. The regions will be determined and controlled by the state Executive Board. The duty of each regional Representative shall be to organize clubs in his or her region and assist in communication between the state Executive Board and local chapters. All officers must reside in the area they represent. Each TARS

club must submit to the NCTARS Chairman and the NCTARS 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 July 31 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 July, 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, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. 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 three 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 non-elected Officers of the NCTARS shall consist of the following appointed positions: Regional Representatives, Communications Director, and other offices as designated by the Chairman. All non-elected officer appointments listed above shall be made and dismissed by the Chairman. Each nomination to the position must be approved by a majority vote of the state Executive Board.

Section 4.

The voting members of the Executive Board shall be the officers, both elected and appointed, 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 5.

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 and appointed officers) 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 ELECTED 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 and appointed officers. 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 First Vice Chairman, also referred to as “First Vice Chair”, shall represent NCTARS in any capacity designated by the Executive Board. He/she shall be the Chief Assistant to the Chairman. The First Vice Chair shall maintain close liaison with the High School Republican National

Federation and provide the state board with information on national matters. In the event of the Chairs inability to perform his/her duties, the First Vice Chair will assume the responsibilities of the Chairman.

Section 3.

The Second Vice Chairman, also referred to as "Second Vice Chair", shall represent NCTARS in any capacity designated by the Executive Board. He/she shall be the political officer. Responsibilities shall include informing the Executive Board of legislative and pertinent political issues and be available to work with candidates in this regard.

Section 4.

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 5.

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 draft and consider resolutions concerning NCTARS constitution, draft and/or pass 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 regions of North Carolina.

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 June of each year and no later than the end of August. 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 20 days prior to said convention.

Section 3.

At any annual convention, each duly-registered and federated TARS club, at the high school or community level, shall be entitled to have ten (10) delegates and two (2) additional delegate for every fifteen(15) registered members exceeding a minimum of 30 registered members. Each club shall be entitled to send two alternate delegate, designated as to order of succession, Chairmen of clubs shall be ex-officio. Each Federated Club shall provide for itself the selection process for the delegates and alternates, provided that all delegates are active members of such club.

Section 4.

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

Section 5.

A club must have been originally chartered with NCTARS at least twenty (20) days prior to the convention to be able to have and seat delegates at the convention.

Section 6.

A quorum for the State Convention shall be those Delegates present.

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 July or August. 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 two (2) 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.

This constitution and any procedural rules, consistent with the constitution, 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/REVOICATION, 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) Executive Board meetings shall result in a vote by members of the Executive Board to suspend membership. The vote to remove membership from the member in question shall be a simple majority vote. Members who will knowingly be absent must communicate this to the chair prior to the meeting. Absences shall be approved by the chairman. At the start of meetings, the chair must announce absent members who are excused.

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

Section 1.

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.

Section 2.

The North Carolina Federation of Teenage Republicans shall be and will remain an affiliated organization of the High School Republican National Federation (HSREPS)

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTIUTION

Section 1.

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be submitted electronically and received by the Secretary of NCTARS no less than ten (10) days prior to the general session of the State Convention. The Resolutions committee will receive the amendment and review it. The committee will report all proposed amendments to the convention and provide the committee's recommendation about the items being considered. Each amendment shall require at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated Delegates of the State Convention.

Section 2.

The Executive Board may amend the constitution by unanimous vote of all voting members. Amendments must be signed by 4 executive board members and submitted to the Chairman at least 14 days prior to the board meeting at which they are first considered.

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