

Bylaws of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus

Mission Statement

Established with a fervid belief of multilateral cooperation and wide spread chapter evolution, the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus shall thrive as the basis of organization for Region IX. In a locale as spacious and rural as our region, we the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus believe that this caucus should both serve as the key facilitator and motivator behind the chapters of our geographical constituency and function as a model for all other rural democratic organizations to look toward for direction.

Article I

Section 101: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Texas Young Democrats, Region IX Caucus.

Section 102: Policy

This organization shall operate in conformance with the Charter, Bylaws, and rules of the Texas Young Democrats, hereinafter known as TYD. It shall serve to develop and strengthen its members' organizations and the TYD through its active and positive commitment to the principles of the Democratic Party.

Section 103: Membership

Membership in the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus shall consist of all duly chartered units within the geographical confines of Region IX as defined by TYD.

Article II

Section 201: Region VI Conferences

- A. The Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus will hold a Regional Conference each fall.
- B. At least thirty (30) days notice shall be given to all the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus members.
- C. Regional Conference delegates need not be members of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus.

Section 202: Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus

- A. Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus shall be the governing body of TYD Region IX.

- B. Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus will hold regular meetings in conjunction with each TYD Convention and Regional Conference regardless of date and location.
- C. Notice of a TYD Convention or Regional Conference shall be sufficient notice of a Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus meeting at same location and date.
- D. Membership of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus is composed of all members of the TYD Executive Committee members that reside in the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus' jurisdiction, Presidential appointments that reside in the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus' jurisdiction, Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus officers, Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus select committee appointees, the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus member of the TYD Judicial Council, and the Regional Director emeritus.

Section 203: Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee

- A. Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee shall be responsible for Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus activities in-between meetings of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus.
- B. Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee is composed of the Regional Director, the Deputy Regional Director, the Sub-Regional Directors, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the President of each region unit.
- C. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote.
- D. The Regional Director, with five (5) days notice, may call a meeting of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee.

Section 204: Quorum, Delegate Voting, Proxies, Other Committees, Notice

- A. A quorum for each Regional Conference and the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus meeting is two-fifths of the votes outstanding of all chartered region units in Region IX, either in person or by proxy. A quorum for the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee or any Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus committee is a simple majority.
- B. Voting delegates for a Caucus meeting shall be those members of the Caucus outlined in Section 202 of the Bylaws. No member of the Caucus may hold more than one vote.
- C. Proxies are allowed at a Regional Conference or a Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus meeting. A member of the Caucus may vote a maximum of two proxies that are signed and duly notarized.
- D. Regional Director has discretion to create standing committees and appoint their leadership. Each region unit may appoint a member to each Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus standing committee.
- E. Notice of any meeting may be made by US mails and/or by electronic mail.

Article III

Section 301: General

- A. Officers shall be elected at the annual convention of TYD.
- B. All officers shall be elected by majority vote with voting based on the number of votes each respective unit has at the current TYD Convention. If a majority is not attained a run-off will be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes.
- C. The Executive Committee, with the consent of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus, will fill vacancies in the office of Deputy Regional Director, Sub-Regional Directors, and Secretary-Treasurer. If the office of Regional Director is vacated then the Deputy Regional Director is the successor until the next TYD Convention.

Section 302: Regional Offices

- A. Regional Director
 - 1. Shall chair all Regional Conferences, the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus meetings, the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee.
 - 2. Ex officio member of all Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus standing committees.
 - 3. Shall also serve as Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus chief executive.
 - 4. Shall represent the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus on the TYD Executive Committee.
- B. Deputy Regional Director
 - 1. Shall serve as vice-chair of all Regional Conferences, the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus meetings, Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee, in the absence of the Regional Director shall act on his/her behalf.
 - 2. Ex officio member of all Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus standing committees.
 - 3. Shall assist the Regional Director as needed.
 - 4. Shall serve as a Sub-Regional Director
- C. Sub-Regional Director
 - 1. Three of which shall preside over their designated sub-region as outlined by the Regional Director
 - 2. Shall be appointed by the Regional Director
 - 3. Shall be responsible for assisting the establishment and maintenance of all chapters located within the geographical confines of their sub-region.
- D. Secretary-Treasurer
 - 1. Shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all Regional Conferences, Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus meetings, and Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus Executive Committee meetings. Shall also be responsible for maintaining all financial records of Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus with the power to receive and disburse funds.

Section 303: Additional Offices and Appointments

- A. TYD Judicial Chair

- B. All appointments to TYD select committees from the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus shall serve at the pleasure of the Regional Director.
- C. Staff appointments shall serve at the pleasure of the Regional Director.

Section 304: Removal from Office

- A. If after elected any regional officer or the TYD Judicial Chair moves out of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus jurisdiction then the office is automatically vacated and a replacement shall be selected as outlined in Section 301 of Article III for Deputy Regional Director, Sub-Regional Director, or Secretary-Treasurer. A vacancy in the office of Regional Director or Judicial Chair will be filled as per the State Charter.
- B. A Two-Thirds vote of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus shall be required to remove an elected officer from their office.
- C. The following shall constitute grounds for removal from office or revocation of membership:
 - 1. Malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance
 - 2. Use of Region IX property to promote the cause of any primary political contest
 - 3. Absence of two (2) consecutive meetings of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus

Article IV

Section 401: Finance & Fundraising

- A. The Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus shall have the authority to raise non-federal operating funds for administrative expenses.

Article V

Section 501: Parliamentary Authority

The current Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of the Region where not herein contained by the appropriate authority of the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus of the YDA.

Article VI

Section 601: Amendments

All amendments shall be proposed in writing to both the Regional Director and Secretary Treasurer no later than thirty (30) days prior to a Regional Conference or the Texas Young Democrats Region IX Caucus meeting. A three-fifths majority of votes is required to adopt any proposed amendment. All amendments to the Bylaws shall go into effect upon passage.

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