



# COLLEGE REPUBLICANS ★ *of America* ★

## College Republicans of America Bylaws

### Article I: General Authority

#### Section 1.00      *Name*

The name of this organization shall be the College Republicans of America, herein also referred to as “CRA” and as “the Organization.”

#### Section 1.01      *Preamble and Authority.*

College Republicans of America, in order to provide structure and support to the independent members of its body, hereby adopts these bylaws which include rules for the composition of the Executive Committee (“the Committee”), the appointment and election of its officers, and guidelines for its management and operation. It further outlines the composition and duties of the Board of Governors (“BOG”), made up of our constituents, and the powers they are assigned.

These bylaws shall constitute the sole and exclusive governing rules of the Organization, a private association which is dedicated to furthering the goals of the Republican Party, serving the purposes of campaigning at the national, state, and local levels, and supporting the growth and influence of College Republicans nationwide.

#### Section 1.02      *Principles*

The Organization’s principles are based upon the precepts of our Nation’s Founding Fathers as reflected in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, with particular emphasis upon the God-given rights of the individual and equity under the law.

The Organization affirms its beliefs in prioritizing the needs of the American People, promoting civic nationalism, and adherence to non-interventionism.

The Organization shall forever be open, accessible to all College Republicans that wish to join its ranks.

### Section 1.03      *Governing Bodies*

The Committee shall consist of a permanent, appointed, President, who may only be appointed by the immediate past President; permanent, appointed Vice Presidents and Directors; and annually elected Region Representatives. The BOG shall consist of National Committeemen, one from each state who is represented by at least one chapter in good standing.

## **Article II: Membership**

### Section 2.01      *Types of Membership*

#### Section 2.01.01      *Full Membership*

To qualify for full membership, a student must:

- (A) Be an active college student of at least part-time status within the last 120 days, be a recent graduate within the last 120 days, or be sitting Executive Committee member;
- (B) Be a member of the chartered College Republican club on said campus; and
- (C) Be a registered Republican (unless under the age of 18).

Full members retain all benefits bestowed on chapters by the Organization and may run for the elected office of National Committeeman or Region Representative. Full Members retain this status for one year following their graduation. Graduate students qualify for full membership.

#### Section 2.01.02      *Alumni Membership*

To qualify for alumni membership, one must:

- (A) Have graduated from a chapter that is presently, or was formerly at the time of graduation, a chapter registered with CRA in good standing; and
- (B) Be a registered Republican.

Alumni members may retain some benefits pertaining to access to job resources and subsidized convention costs, but they may not run for elected offices in the Organization after one year following graduation.

## Section 2.02      *Club Chartership*

Clubs shall be considered chartered, in good standing, if they are solo-chartered with CRA (not affiliated with any other national College Republican organizations), adhere to the CRA Chapter Code of Conduct signed in the Charter Agreement, and the Credentials Committee has a record of the following:

- (A) The constitution or other governing document of the chapter;
- (B) A complete list of the club's executives;
- (C) Evidence of the chapter's registration as an on-campus student organization; and
- (D) A complete record of the information of the chapter's general membership, which must be submitted through the online form on the CRA Website ([uscollegerepublic.com/chapters/registration](http://uscollegerepublic.com/chapters/registration)).

## Section 2.03      *Unwelcome Organizations*

- (A) Clubs whose express purposes and/or activities are inimical or hostile to, or in direct contradiction with, Republican philosophy and principles shall not be welcome as organizational exhibitors, hospitality function hosts, or officially recognized participants in conventions and meetings of the Organization.
- (B) Sponsorship of such groups as "Republicans for <Democratic Candidate>," campaign spending on behalf of opponents to Republican candidates, and/or routine opposition to Republican candidates, nominees, and/or ballot issues shall constitute prima facie evidence of hostility to Republican philosophy and principles.
- (C) Neither the Committee nor its personnel shall in any way cooperate with unwelcome organizations in promoting, arranging, or facilitating their meetings, their hospitality functions, their display tables, or the presence of individuals representing the interests of such organizations in conventions and meetings of the Committee.
- (D) The President of the Committee shall be empowered to designate organizations as "unwelcome" under the provisions of this Section. Such designations by the President may be nullified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Committee or by a majority of the total number of National Committeemen at a meeting of the BOG.
- (E) A simple majority vote of the Committee, subject to override by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of National Committeemen at a meeting of the BOG, shall also be sufficient to designate an organization as "unwelcome" under the terms of this section.
- (F) Designations by the Chairman or by the Rules Committee made under this section in advance of a convention or meeting of the Committee shall take effect at that convention or meeting.

Designations or overrides by the general delegation shall take effect at the next convention or meeting of the Committee.

- (G) An organization which has previously been designated as unwelcome at conventions and meetings of the Organization may have that designation removed unilaterally by the President of the Committee or by a majority vote of the total number of National Committeemen at a meeting of the BOG. A formal resolution which recommends reinstatement, executed and signed by a National Committeeman, must have been submitted to the Resolutions Committee prior to the deadline set before convention.

### **Article III. The Board of Governors**

#### **Section 3.01      *Powers and Composition***

The BOG shall be empowered to amend the bylaws subject to certain restrictions outlined in Article IX, draft additional governing documents inferior to these bylaws, establish declarations, endorse candidates, approve the budget and direct Executive Committee Action. The Board of Governors shall hold the sole power to remove chartered chapters (for reasons--and by methods--other than those outlined in § 2.03) and Elected Executive Committee Officers, pursuant to the process specified in these bylaws and parliamentary authority. The BOG may endorse candidates and ballot measures with a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The BOG shall be comprised of National Committeemen from the various states. Each National Committeeman, one from each state, shall have a single vote.

#### **Section 3.02      *Presiding Officer***

The President of the Committee, or an appointed presiding officer, shall preside as the President of the BOG, and shall appoint a secretary to maintain minutes. The President shall not have a vote in meetings of the BOG, unless needed to break a tie, but may make recommendations at his discretion.

#### **Section 3.03      *Meetings, Quorum, and Alternates***

The President, or by a petition of the majority of voting members, may call the BOG to meetings. Regular meetings must be declared at least three (30) days in advance with the proposed agenda and minutes from the prior meeting. Quorum shall be 1/2 of the Committee's voting officers. Voting officers may designate an alternate to attend meetings and vote in their place, and that alternate shall count toward quorum.

#### Section 3.04      *Qualifications for Holding Elected Office*

In order to qualify to run to be a National Committeeman, the candidate must satisfy the following qualifications:

- (A) He must show registration to vote as Republican;
- (B) He must be older than 18 years of age;
- (C) He must currently be a Full Member of the Organization;
- (D) No member shall be eligible to run for election to the office of National Committeeman for a state other than the one where they attend school; and
- (E) He must have been elected at his respective state federation meeting.

#### Section 3.05      *Special Elections*

If his home state has no organized federation, then he must be elected by through a special election. Quorum shall be 1/2 of the special committee's voting officers. The Presidents of the state's chartered chapters (in good standing) shall be delegates to this committee and have a single vote.

### **Article IV: The Executive Committee**

#### Section 4.01      *Powers and Composition*

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general supervision of the affairs of the organization, and perform other such duties as are necessitated by the BOG or their office. Officers shall include the President, Vice Presidents, Directors, and Regional Representatives.

#### Section 4.02      *Permanent/Appointed Officers*

The President of the Committee shall have the sole authority to appoint all permanent officers and whomever shall succeed them as President. In the event of vacancy or death, the line of succession shall follow the order of the list in this section. Any appointed position not listed in this section may be created at the discretion of the President but is not eligible to vote. The following permanent, appointed officers are entitled to be voting members of the Executive Committee:

- (A) President
- (B) Vice President of Operations
- (C) Vice President of Public Affairs
- (D) Vice President of Outreach
- (E) Chapter Outreach Director
- (F) Affiliates Outreach Director
- (G) Political Director
- (H) Events Director

(I) Program Director

Section 4.03      *Qualifications for Holding Elected Office*

In order to qualify to run to be a Region Representative, the candidate must satisfy the following qualifications:

- (A) He must show registration to vote as Republican;
- (B) He must be older than 18 years of age;
- (C) He must currently be a Full Member of the Organization;
- (D) No member shall be eligible to run for election to the office of Regional Representative for a region other than the one where they attend school.

Section 4.04      *Elected Officers*

The BOG shall have the sole authority to elect their Region Representatives for one year terms. The following elected officers are entitled to be voting members of the Executive Committee:

- (A) Western Region Representative
- (B) Northern Region Representative
- (C) Southern Region Representative
- (D) Midwestern Region Representative
- (E) Northeastern Region Representative
- (F) Southeastern Region Representative

Section 4.05      *Meetings, Quorum, and Alternates*

The President, or by a petition of the majority of voting members, may call the Committee to meetings. Regular meetings must be declared at least seven days in advance with the proposed agenda and minutes from the prior meeting. Emergency meetings may be called at any time, but may not pass any resolution other than the single item outlined as the reason for the meeting, and quorum must still be met. Quorum shall be 1/2 of the Committee's voting officers, whichever is greater. Voting officers may designate an alternate to attend meetings and vote in their place, and that alternate shall count toward quorum.

Section 4.06      *Officers and Duties*

Section 4.06.01      *Duties of the President*

The President shall preside over all convention and Committee meetings. He shall serve as the President of the BOG. He shall design and present a budget to the BOG. He shall disburse funds in accordance with the budget. He shall coordinate the organization's activities with other Republican organizations and shall represent the organization in its relationship with the Republican Party. He

shall create, appoint, and dissolve committees as necessary and appoint Committee Chairs at his discretion without a vote of the Executive Committee, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of every committee. He shall have the ability to endorse candidates by Executive Order. He shall oversee the operations of the Vice Presidents and regularly meet with them to assign duties. He shall have the ability to appoint, hire, fire, or reassign any Appointed Officers or Committee Chairs as deemed necessary. He may pardon any individual found guilty by the BOG for disciplinary action. He also shall have such other powers and perform other duties by executive order in accordance with the other provisions of these bylaws.

#### Section 4.06.02      *Duties of the Vice President of Operations*

The VP of Operations shall chair the Press and Publicantions and the Rules Committees. In the absence or disability of the President, the VP of Operations shall perform all of the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have the powers of, and be subject to, all of the restrictions placed upon the President. The VP of Operations shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Committee or the President. He shall perform general oversight and supervision of the operations of the Committee on a day-to- day basis, and shall review and make recommendations to the Committee concerning the programs and projects of the Committee. He may receive, protect, manage and disburse funds of the Organization as authorized or permitted by the BOG through approved budgets, specific and general directions, and policies, subject to and in compliance with these bylaws. He shall be authorized to sign on all accounts of the Committee.

#### Section 4.06.03      *Duties of the Vice President of Public Affairs*

The VP of Public Affairs shall represent the Committee to the public, to donors, and to media organizations. He is also the individual most responsible for the fundraising necessary to fund the Organizations's operations.

#### Section 4.06.04      *Duties of the Vice President of Outreach*

The VP of Outreach shall represent the Committee to to volunteer groups, College Republicans chapters (both chartered and unchartered), and to organizations of the Party. He shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Chapter Relations Committee and Affiliate Organizations Committee and shall perform general oversight and supervision of the directors of his department.

#### Section 4.06.05      *Duties of the Chapter Outreach Director*

The Chapter Outreach Director shall chair the Credentials Committee and work with the Regional Representatives to address any problems that arise in our chapters. He shall also be the primary

recruiter for the organization and maintain regular contact with the National Committeemen. He shall also perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the VP of Outreach.

Section 4.06.06        *Duties of the Affiliates Outreach Director*

The Affiliates Outreach Director shall chair the Affiliate Organizations Committee and work with the Organization's affiliates to address their needs. He shall also be the primary partner recruiter for the organization and make connections with other Republican organizations. He shall also perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the VP of Outreach.

Section 4.06.07        *Duties of the Political Director*

The Affiliates Outreach Director shall be the primary representative to the party and manage the Organization's campaign deployments. He shall maintain regular contact with campaign staff and assign volunteers to them. He shall also perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the VP of Public Affairs.

Section 4.06.08        *Duties of the Events Director*

The Events Director shall be the primary organizer of conventions and special events of the Committee. He shall maintain regular contact with the Program Director and assist with the setup and operation of all events. He shall also perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the VP of Operations.

Section 4.06.09        *Duties of the Program Director*

The Program Director shall be the primary organizer of the content of conventions and special events of the Committee. He shall maintain regular contact with the Events Director and assist with the setup and operation of all events. He shall coordinate with speakers and vendors. He shall also perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the VP of Operations.

Section 4.06.10        *Duties of the Regional Representatives*

The Regional Representatives shall help the Chapter Outreach Director recruit, form chapters, organize state federations, and plan activities in their regions. The Regions shall be as follows:

- (A) Western Region Representative: AK, HI, WA, OR, ID, CA, NV, UT, AZ,
- (B) Northern Region Representative: MT, ND, SD, CO, WY, NE, KS
- (C) Southern Region Representative: TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, NM, MO
- (D) Midwestern Region Representative: MN, WI, IA, IL, IN, OH, MI, KY, WV
- (E) Northeastern Region Representative: MD, PA, DE, NJ, NY, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT, ME

(F) Southeastern Region Representative: D.C., VA, NC, SC, TN, AL, GA, FL

## **Article V: Committees**

### **Section 5.01**      *Purpose*

Unless stated otherwise, standing committees serve at the pleasure of the President under the direction and oversight of the Vice Presidents. The President may create and appoint special committees at his will. Standing committees serve to carry out the bureaucratic functions of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 5.02**      *Standing Committees*

The following are the standing committees of the Organization:

- (A) Press and Publications: The Chair shall be the Vice President of Operations. It shall work with the publicist to promote news stories from the chapters and raise awareness about the Organization.
- (B) Rules: The Chair shall be the Vice President of Operations. It shall consider proposed amendments to these bylaws.
- (C) Fundraising: The Chair shall be the Vice President of Public Affairs. It shall actively fundraise for the organization and explore new avenues of attaining funding.
- (D) Credentials: The Chair shall be the Chapter Outreach Director. It shall maintain rosters, charter new chapters, maintain contact with the chapters, and organize materials for Convention. Each Region Representative sits as a member of this committee.
- (E) Events: The Chair shall be the Events Director. It shall assist major activism events on campus, run and set up in-person and/or online CRA Speaker Series, and organize Convention as outlined in these Bylaws.
- (F) Affiliate Organizations: The Chair shall be the Affiliates Outreach Director. It shall be responsible for creating contacts with other Republican organizations and working with them to provide opportunities for the students.
- (G) Campaign: The Chair shall be the Political Director. It shall be responsible for creating contacts with campaigns and organizing deployments across the country.

## **Article VI. Vacancies and Removal**

### **Section 6.01**      *Impeachment*

The BOG may impeach any Region Representative or National Committeeman with a two-thirds (2/3) vote pursuant to parliamentary authority.

Section 6.02      *Removal for Inactivity*

If an Elected Officer is inactive for thirty days without notice, the President may declare the position vacant and nominate a successor to be approved by the BOG.

**Article VII. Endorsements and Affiliates**

Section 7.01      *Endorsements*

The Organization has the authority to endorse political candidates and ballot measures. The following are the rules and guidelines for endorsement decisions:

- (A) The Committee, members of the BOG, and its member clubs may not endorse a third party, independent, or Democrat for any office, and they shall not endorse the explicit defeat of any Republican in a Republican vs Democrat race;
- (B) CRA may revoke any endorsement;
- (C) CRA is not bound to endorsements by any state party or group;
- (D) The President may endorse via Executive Order, but may not overrule an endorsement made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the BOG.
- (E) The BOG may not overrule an endorsement made via Executive Order.
- (F) Republican nominees for general election, resulting from a primary election, shall be automatically endorse by CRA unless it is a Republican vs. Republican general election race.

**Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority.**

Section 8.01      *Authority*

The newest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) shall be the authority for all disputed matters not specifically covered by this Constitution or subsequent governing documents.

Section 8.02      *Right to Due Process*

No member or associate member shall be compelled in any case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of position, station, status, or other, without due process. No member shall be deprived of his right to observe all aspects of the elections process as permitted by the constitution.

Section 8.03      *Right to Seek Redress*

No member or associate member shall be deprived of his right to seek redress for violations of CRA governing documents.

## Article IX. Amendments

### Section 9.01      *Notice*

Proposed amendments to the standing rules and bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the President and Vice President of Operations no fewer than thirty days prior to a meeting or convention of the Committee, who shall submit them to the BOG within seven business days. The President shall refer proposed amendments to the Rules Committee for consideration. Notice of any proposals submitted shall be given to the delegates no fewer than fourteen days prior to a meeting or convention of the Committee.

### Section 9.02      *Procedures*

The Rules Committee shall make a report on such proposed amendments to the next meeting of the Committee. No proposal or amendment to a proposal submitted and noticed in the manner provided herein shall be considered by the Committee unless it is germane to a proposal so submitted and noticed.

### Section 9.03      *Voting Requirements*

Proposed amendments reported favorably by the Rules Committee may, except as provided in this section, be adopted by a majority of the voting National Committeemen present. Proposed amendments not reported favorably by the Rules Committee may only be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting National Committeemen present.

### Section 9.04      *Clerical Corrections*

The Executive Committee is authorized to make clerical corrections, which do not affect substance, while formatting the bylaws. This pertains to redundancies, spelling, grammatical, or naming errors.

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Adopted 05/26/2023

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Will Donahue, President