

Final Draft of New Bylaws

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Article I - Name of Organization

SEC. 1. NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the *Pennsylvania Young Democrats* as a chartered chapter of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and Young Democrats of America.

Article II - Purpose of Organization

SEC. 1. PREAMBLE.

This organization, Pennsylvania Young Democrats, does hereby form in order to stimulate in young people an active interest in governmental affairs and promote their involvement in the political process, to promote the acquisition of political power by young people, to promote the policies and practices which are consistent with the advancement of democracy and legislation and policies that are important to young people, to increase the efficiency of popular government and to provide the highest degree of justice and social welfare for the citizens of our country.

SEC. 2. POLICY

- (a) PROMOTION. - It shall be the policy of this organization and any of its affiliates in all of its endeavors to contribute to the growth and influence of the Democratic Party, to develop leadership, and to maintain and promote harmony and a continuing dialogue within party ranks.
- (b) COOPERATION. - The Club shall seek, in all of its operations, the advice and cooperation of the Democratic State and National Committees.
 - (i) However, the Pennsylvania Young Democrats shall not be bound by the endorsements of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee, Young Democrats of America, or Democratic National Committee, though it shall be bound by the results of the Primary Elections.
- (c) AFFILIATES. - All Clubs chartered pursuant to the authority of this organization shall be considered an affiliate of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats. All college charters must first charter through the College Democrats of America and then the Pennsylvania Young Democrats.

Article III - Authority

SEC. 1. GOVERNING AUTHORITIES. -

This organization is hereby chartered under the authority of multiple organizations, including and limited to:

- (a) PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY.
 - (i) This organization is chartered under the authority of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party bylaws as an official caucus of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party.
- (b) YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA.
 - (i) This organization is chartered under the authority of the Young Democrats of America *Charter, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the Young Democrats of America* as adopted and amended on July 1st, 2018, as defined by Section 105(a), as the official chartered unit for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Article IV - Membership

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION.

The membership of this organization shall be composed of duly organized and properly affiliated Young Democrat groups throughout Pennsylvania.

- (a) INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY. - All members, officers, and delegates must meet the age limit for membership, that being a maximum of the fortieth (40th) birthday, with no minimum age. Members who are eighteen (18) years old or older must be registered Democrats. Persons who belong to another political party cannot be members of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats.
- (b) POST-40 ELIGIBILITY may only occur
 - (i) when state officers and the members, officers and delegates of all affiliated clubs shall remain eligible for their respective memberships and their respective offices until the expiration of their current membership, or term of office, whichever occurs last; or
 - (ii) in the case of honorary members which must submit application to the Executive Committee and approved by
 - (1) the Executive Committee by 2/3 majority vote of the duly elected members, and
 - (2) the entire voting body of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats by a simple majority.

SEC. 2. AFFILIATION.

Affiliation of clubs shall be by charter, originally granted by the Executive Committee upon written application for charter by an eligible club and renewed biennially at the state convention by another written application.

- (a) Such applications shall be submitted to the President at least forty-five (45) days before the biennial state convention.
 - (i) Response of an acceptance or rejection of the application detailed in SEC. 3. In this Article shall be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the biennial state convention.
 - (1) If the Executive Committee fails to act within the prescribed time limits, the application shall be deemed approved.
 - (ii) Any application for charter -- whether the original application or an application for renewal -- shall contain a statement to the effect that
 - (1) the applicant is actively chartered under the Pennsylvania Young Democrats by virtue of County, High School, or College club and that an election of officers thereof has been held since the last biennial state convention;
 - a) No club shall be chartered unless the officers of such club have been elected by a direct vote of the individual members thereof.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.

- (i) ELECTIONS. - All affiliated Clubs are required to hold an election of officers each year or every other year, depending on their individual bylaws, and the secretary of said club shall submit to the Executive Committee an up-to-date listing of all officers of said club on or before **March 14th** of each year.

- (ii) MEMBERSHIP. - All voting members, officers, and delegates of all affiliated clubs of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats must meet the age limit for set forth in SEC. 1(a) of this Article.

SEC. 3. AFFILIATE ELIGIBILITY.

County Young Democrat Clubs, High School Democratic Clubs, and College Democratic Clubs may become members of this organization and charters may be granted to such members upon fulfillment of the following--

- (a) Either

- (i) The Submission of an application for membership to the Executive Committee by the presiding officers of the Club.

- (1) Said application to the Executive Committee should include the proposed name of the organization, its location, a list of names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails (if applicable) of its officers, and the signature of the County Chairperson or the signature of an appropriate officer of the school or university where a High School Democratic Club or College Democratic Club is in question; or

- (ii) Where there is no chartered County Club in a county, acceptance and approval of such application shall be considered by the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats.

- (1) A County Chairperson shall not have the right to default a previously recognized Young Democrats Club without a hearing before the Pennsylvania Young Democrats Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention/Conference; and

- (b) Each charter shall, within 120 days of acceptance and approval of its application, submit a copy of its constitution and/or bylaws to the Executive Committee, no part of which shall be inconsistent with the bylaws of the governing organizations set forth in ART. III SEC.1.

SEC. 4. REVOCATION.

- (a) COUNTY CLUBS. - Upon petition of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party County Chairperson to the Executive Committee or on the duly chartered club's own motion, the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats may, after a hearing and by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote, revoke the charter of any affiliated county club.

- (b) HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE CLUBS. - Upon petition to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats, the Executive Committee may, after a hearing and by a two-thirds majority vote, revoke the charter of any affiliated high school or college club.

- (c) INDIVIDUALS. - Members in good standing with the Pennsylvania Young Democrats who engage in any activities deemed hostile or detrimental to the purpose of this organization shall, upon a petition to the Executive Committee, be subject to a hearing convened by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall submit its official recommendation to the full voting body in writing at which time the full voting body shall vote on a motion to revoke membership which shall only pass with 2/3rd majority.

- (i) All actions of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats may only be appealed at the next general meeting at which the full body shall have the opportunity to move and second a motion to overturn the Executive Committee ruling.

- (1) The moving and seconding of the motion may not be made by any officer of the club in question or by the individual in question; and
- (2) The voting body shall only overturn the Executive Committee ruling by a 3/4 majority.

SEC. 5. LISTS

The Pennsylvania Young Democrats and all affiliate clubs and all committees thereof shall maintain lists of their members including but not limited to: first name, last name, birthday, county, email. Each club or committee may also request additional information of their members.

(a) ELECTRONIC LISTS.

- (i) The Pennsylvania Young Democrats and all affiliate clubs and all committees thereof shall maintain an electronic copy of their members accessible to the Secretary of the Executive Committee at all times.
- (ii) Electronic lists shall be used for all necessary notifications as defined by the Charter and Constitution and these bylaws.

(b) COORDINATOR.

- (i) The President shall, with majority vote of the Executive Committee, appoint a member of the body to coordinate and oversee list maintenance across all affiliates.
- (ii) The Coordinator shall
 - (1) detail membership list procedures for procurement, storage, updating, and recourse in the case of improper use, and
 - (2) keep the Executive Committee informed of any breaches of proper use defined in SEC. 5(d).

(c) Failure to maintain lists will result in disciplinary actions as the President sees fit.

(d) APPROPRIATE USE. - The membership lists compiled by the Pennsylvania Young Democrats and all its affiliates shall not be public record. Accordingly, membership lists shall--

- (i) only be used for activities pertaining to Pennsylvania Young Democrats business,
- (ii) be prohibited from use for non-Pennsylvania Young Democrats business,
- (iii) remain secure at all times,
- (iv) not be shared with any officer without express approval, in writing, from the Executive Committee or Standing Campaign Committee of the Statewide Convention,
- (v) only be shared with candidates or outside organizations, internally or externally, upon express approval, in writing, from the Executive Committee or Standing Campaign Committee of the Statewide Convention,
- (vi) only be shared with a Pennsylvania Young Democrats-affiliated individual upon request of a copy and approved by the Executive Committee.

Article V - Officers

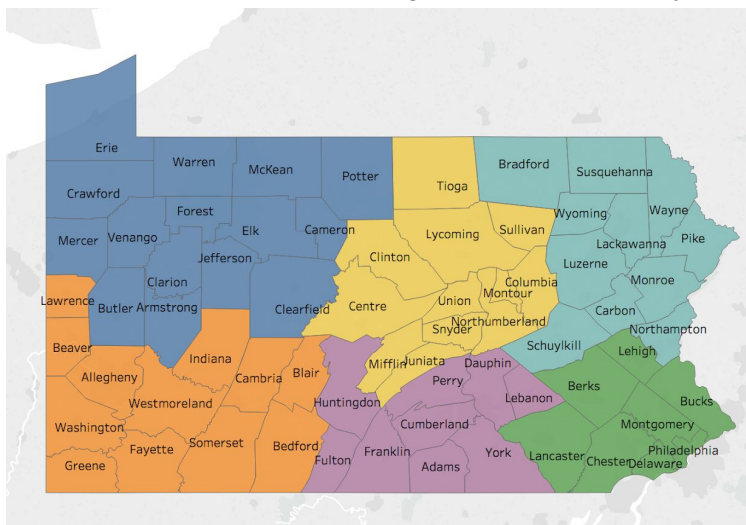
SEC. 1. CLASS A OFFICERS.

Class A officers shall consist of the following:

(a) President and Vice-President,

- (i) The gender identity of President and Vice-President may be of any formation except for two males.

- (b) two (2) National Committeepersons,
 - (i) The gender identity of the two (2) National Committeepersons may be of any formation except for two males.
- (c) Treasurer,
- (d) Secretary,
- (e) six (6) Regional Directors
 - (i) Northwestern
 - (1) This region shall be composed of the following counties: Armstrong, Butler, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Warren, and Venago
 - (ii) Southwestern
 - (1) This region shall be composed of the following counties: Allegheny, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland
 - (iii) Northeastern
 - (1) This region shall be composed of the following counties: Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming
 - (iv) Southeastern
 - (1) This region shall be composed of the following counties: Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Philadelphia
 - (v) Northcentral
 - (1) This region shall be composed of the following counties: Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union
 - (vi) Southcentral
 - (1) This region shall be composed of the following counties: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Lebanon, Perry, York



SEC. 2. CLASS B OFFICERS.

Class B officers shall consist of the following:

- (a) CHAIRPERSONS. - All Committees except for the Executive Committee shall have its chair appointed by the President and approved by 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee.

(b) AFFILIATE COORDINATORS. - There shall be a High School Director and a College/University Director appointed by the President and approved by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

(c) OTHER. - Any other officers detailed in the Bylaws of this organization.

SEC. 3. DUTIES

(a) PRESIDENT. -

- (i) to call a minimum of one (1) Executive Committee meeting per quarter, or a total of 4 meetings, at minimum per year;
- (ii) in conjunction with the Vice President determine the agenda for each meeting;
- (iii) to preside at all meetings;
- (iv) to perform all other duties pertaining to the office;
- (v) to act as Chairperson of the Executive Committee;
- (vi) to serve Ex Officio on all Committees and Ex Officio Chairperson of the Biennial or any other Statewide Convention/Conference;
- (vii) to be the official liaison between the Pennsylvania Young Democrats and the Governor (if Democratic), the Democratic State Chairperson and the Democratic State Committee, the Senate Democratic Caucus, House Democratic Caucus; and shall serve as a representative to the Young Democrats of America National Committee;
- (viii) Appoint the Pennsylvania Young Democrats State Committee member to serve a on (1) year term;
- (ix) Serve on the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee Nominations Committee; and
- (x) Provide assistance and guidance to the caucuses organized within the Pennsylvania Young Democrats when requested.

(b) VICE-PRESIDENT. -

- (i) assist the President in the performance of their duties;
- (ii) coordinate the Regional Directors and have the right to call regional meetings due to the inactivity of any Regional Director in the performance of their duties;
- (iii) The Vice President will assist the President in the oversight and approval of work submitted by the standing committees;
- (iv) In the event of a vacancy of the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to the Presidency;
- (v) Through the Regional, College, and High School Directors, the Vice President shall oversee and coordinate the outreach and recruitment program;
- (vi) Serve on the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee Nominating Committee.

(c) SECRETARY. -

- (i) Take and keep minutes and all such records of the organization as may be required;
- (ii) In the event that they are unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Recording and Corresponding Secretary must find a replacement prior to the scheduled activity;
- (iii) Co- chair the Constitution and By-Laws Committee;
- (iv) Shall perform such other duties as required by the President and Executive Committee;
- (v) Maintain the organization's statewide calendar, publishing any local chapter submissions;
- (vi) Inform all County and Special Clubs of date and place of Convention/Conference at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to said Convention/Conference;

- (vii) Notify Clubs of any other State Young Democratic functions or events of interest;
- (viii) Send all clubs amended copies of the Constitution within ninety (90) days of duly approved changes;
- (ix) Send all clubs charter applications well in advance of deadlines connected with said forms;
- (x) Inform all clubs about actions taken by the Executive Committee and perform other duties as may be required by the President and the Executive Committee.

(d) TREASURER. -

- (i) Receive and disburse all funds of the organization;
- (ii) Keep a record of receipts and disbursements;
- (iii) Submit a quarterly report for audit;
- (iv) Co-chair the Finance Committee; and
- (v) Remit properly all State and IRS tax forms as required under law.
- (vi) All disbursements and reimbursements over \$50.00 must have the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee.

(e) NATIONAL COMMITTEEPERSON. -

- (i) Serve as representatives for Pennsylvania on the National Young Democratic Committee meetings; and
- (ii) In the event of a pre-approved absence, ensure that their proxy is completed as pertaining to the rules prescribed by the National Young Democratic Committee;
- (iii) Present reports of the Young Democrats of America activities to the Executive Committee; and
- (iv) Act as a liaison between the Pennsylvania Young Democrats and the National Democratic Chairperson.

(f) REGIONAL DIRECTORS. -

- (i) Communication and coordination with the local chapters in their respective regions.
- (ii) They shall submit a regional report during each quarterly business meeting.
- (iii) These reports will be sent to the President, Vice President, and Secretary the day prior to the scheduled quarterly meeting.

(g) COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS. -

- (i) The Chairperson of the standing and special committees shall perform such duties that are assigned to them by either the President or Executive Committee.

(h) AFFILIATE COORDINATORS. -

- (i) Affiliate coordinators shall serve to assist in the continuous outreach and coordination to their respective constituency.

SEC. 4. DUTIES

At any time, these bylaws may be amended to add duties and responsibilities to any constitutionally defined member. These bylaws may also be amended to add another subsection to the section directly preceding this in order to define roles, duties, and responsibilities of additional leadership roles that may become necessary in the future.

SEC. 5. TERM LENGTH.

(a) CLASS A OFFICERS. -

- (i) Class A Officers shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or until their successors are duly elected and shall be at least two (2) years under the maximum age limit for membership in the Pennsylvania Young Democrats at the time of swearing in.

SEC. 6. ELECTIONS.

(a) FULL BODY. -

- (i) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and National Committee persons of this organization shall be elected at the Pennsylvania Democratic Party reorganization meeting by the full voting body.

(b) CONSTITUENCIES. -

- (i) The Regional Directors of this organization shall be elected at the Biennial Convention of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats by credentialed delegates of counties represented in that region and credentialed officers.

SEC. 7. AGE VERIFICATION.

The burden of proof as to age shall be on any candidate for statewide office or as delegate to the state or national convention, and proof must be furnished at the time of nomination upon request of the Credentials Committee or any member thereof.

SEC. 8. VACANCIES.

(a) All vacancies for any office shall be filled by

- (i) informing the fully body of an opening, and
- (ii) giving 14 (14) days from notification for members of the full body to submit nominations.
- (iii) The President or his or her proxy shall report each nomination to the Executive Committee, and
- (iv) the Executive Committee shall confirm a nominee by a simple majority vote of the total Executive Committee in session.

(b) No vacancies for any office shall be filled during a meeting where a voting quorum established in SEC. 5(b) is not met.

(c) Vacancies on a Select Committee shall be filled according to the bylaws.

SEC. 9. SUSPENSION.

(a) Any officer of this organization may be suspended by 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee upon petition of any full body member and second by any officer in attendance of the meeting.

(b) Within seven (7) days, a suspended officer must receive a hearing and vote on reinstatement.

- (i) A vote of reinstatement shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee

SEC. 10. REMOVAL.

(a) OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS. - Any officer or committee chairperson failing in performance of their duties shall be removed from their office upon a 2/3 majority vote of the

Executive Committee after being given the opportunity of a hearing by the Executive Committee.
The President shall direct all hearings.

- (b) REGIONS. - Any Region, by majority vote of its membership, may remove their Regional Director. Upon the removal of any Regional Director, the Clubs of the region, by majority vote of their combined membership, will elect the replacement. For the purposes of such replacement election, each club shall be entitled to one vote for each person.

Article VI - Committees

SEC. 1. STANDING COMMITTEES.

All standing committees shall be subject to SEC. 1 and 2 outlined for the Executive Committee.

(a) MEETINGS.

- (i) Each Standing Committee shall meet at least four (4) times per year.

SEC. 2. SELECT COMMITTEES.

All select committees shall be subject to the bylaws outlined for the Executive Committee.

(a) MEETINGS.

- (i) Select Committees shall meet when necessary to fulfill the mandate set forth.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.

- (i) Membership count shall be limited by the President and expanded on with majority consent of the Executive Committee.

(c) REPORTS.

- (i) Following each meeting of a Select Committee, the Committee shall report to the Secretary of the Executive Committee progress and relevant findings. At the conclusion of the Select Committee, the Select Committee shall prepare and report to the Secretary of the Executive Committee findings and recommendation.
- (ii) Reports shall be made publicly available on the official website.

(d) VACANCIES.

- (i) Vacant seats on a Select Committee shall be filled by appointment by the President unless the vacancy occurs within fifteen (15) days of a full body meeting.
- (ii) Vacancies shall be reported, by electronic mail, to the full body. The President's appointment shall be reported, by electronic mail, to the full body.

Article VII - Executive Committee

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION.

- (a) All Class A and Class B officers, together with the immediate past President and any officers appointed or elected by the Young Democrats of America and registered to vote in Pennsylvania, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats.

SEC. 2. MEETINGS.

- (a) All regular meetings shall be open to all members of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats, however the members of the Executive Committee shall be the only voting members. Within one (12) hour of adjournment, the Secretary at the time of the meeting shall have prepared an accurate minutes which shall be made available to all members of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats on the official website.
- (b) All special sessions shall be open to all members of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats, when feasible, however the members of the Executive Committee shall be the only voting members. Within twenty-four (24) hours of adjournment, the Secretary at the time of the meeting shall have prepared an accurate minutes which shall be made available to all members of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats by
 - (i) uploading the minutes to the official website, and
 - (ii) informing members of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats by email.

SEC. 3. QUORUM.

- (a) MEETING. - A quorum shall be considered any number of all Class A and Class B officers duly elected and sworn under authority of the President.
- (b) VOTING. - A quorum for any meeting in which binding motions may be voted on shall be considered a majority of All Class A officers duly elected and sworn and a majority of All Class B officers duly elected and sworn.

SEC. 4. ABSENCES.

(a) REGULAR MEETINGS.

- (i) Any officer absent from a regular Executive Committee meeting shall submit his or her reasons in writing to the Secretary who will report to the full Executive Committee. After three (3) consecutive absences without valid excuse as determined by the President and Vice President shall automatically cease to be an officer of this organization. Proxies shall not be accepted for any absent Executive Committee member.

(b) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

- (i) Any Class A officer absent from a special session of the Executive Committee shall submit his or her reasons in writing to the Secretary who will report to assembled Executive Committee. Proxies shall be accepted for any absent Executive Committee member upon receipt of written or electronic notice to the Secretary.
 - (1) In the absence of the President, he or she shall appoint a chair *pro tempore* to serve in his or her absence. The chair *pro tempore* shall assume all powers of the President for the special sessions.
 - (2) In the absence of the Secretary, the President or chair *pro tempore* shall appoint a member of the Executive Committee to serve as Secretary for the duration of the special session.

SEC. 5. POWERS.

The Executive Board shall have exclusive authority on all actions not explicitly authorized as exclusive authority of any other committee. The Executive Board shall have original authority on all actions not explicitly authorized as such of any other committee.

Article VIII - Statewide Convention

SEC. 1. MEETING TIME.

In the odd-numbered years, on a date prior to October 1st, a statewide convention shall be held; the Executive Committee shall set the date and place.

SEC. 2. OFFICERS.

- (a) The President shall appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the Statewide Convention and notify the full body forty-five (45) days prior to the Statewide Convention.
 - (i) The Chair shall preside over all Statewide Conventions. The Chair shall be entitled to a vote on all matters brought forth for consideration during the Statewide Convention.
 - (ii) The Vice-Chair shall preside over all Statewide Conventions whenever the Chair is not presiding. The Vice-Chair shall be entitled to a vote on all matters brought forth for consideration during the Statewide Convention.
 - (iii) The Secretary shall be responsible for compiling reports from each Standing Committee Chair of the Statewide Convention, Select Committee Chair of the Statewide Convention, and other Statewide Committee or Select Committee Chair who wishes to present a report to the Statewide Convention. The Secretary shall also be responsible for maintaining all voting results by electronic means and maintaining all minutes of the Statewide Convention.

SEC. 3. PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT.

- (a) The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall create and distribute a report fourteen (14) days prior to the Convention convening consisting of the following--
 - (i) Current County Clubs: their officers, delegate(s), membership, and number of registered Young Democrats in their county,
 - (ii) Pending County Club Charter applications for approval, their officers, delegate(s), membership, and number of registered Young Democrats in their county,
 - (iii) Current College/University and High School Clubs: their officers, delegate(s), and membership,
 - (iv) Pending College/University and High School Clubs: their officers, delegate(s), and membership,
 - (v) Standing Committees: their officers, delegate(s), and membership,
 - (vi) Select Committees: their officers, delegate(s), and membership,
 - (vii) And current number of creditable delegates per Club
- (b) Electronic copies of the Original documents used to compile the report outlined in SEC. 3(a) shall be made available upon request within forty-eight (48).

SEC. 4. AGENDA.

At least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats Statewide Convention, the President shall submit an agenda, agreed upon by the Executive Committee, to the full body by electronic mail and posting on the official website.

All updates to the agenda shall be made known to the full body by electronic mail and posting on the official website every fifteen (15) days. The President shall submit the final agenda, agreed upon by the Executive Committee, to the full body by electronic mail and posting on the official website.

SEC. 5. STANDING COMMITTEES.

There shall be three (3) Standing Committees at the Statewide Convention.

(a) CREDENTIALS. -

- (i) The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for
 - (1) taking roll at each Convention,
 - (2) certifying all proxies, and
 - (3) establishing the existence of a quorum.
- (ii) The Credentials Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Convention and additional members defined in SEC. 4(d).

(b) MEMBERSHIP. -

- (i) The Membership Committee shall be responsible for
 - (1) encouraging voter registration among Young Democrats,
 - (2) encouraging voting among Young Democrats,
 - (3) working towards creating affiliate clubs in locations that do not yet have them, and
 - (4) encouraging cooperation among different clubs and their respective members.
- (ii) The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Convention and additional members defined in SEC. 4(d).

(c) RULES. -

- (i) The Rules Committee shall be responsible for
 - (1) considering and recommending any and all changes to the Charter, Constitution, or Bylaws,
 - (2) ruling on any actions in the order of business,
 - (3) ruling on any motions when the Chair is uncertain, and
 - (4) present any special rules for consideration by the full body.
- (ii) The Rules Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of the Convention and additional members defined in SEC. 4(d).

(d) The membership of all Standing Committees shall consist of a Chair as defined by the bylaws set forth above and

- (i) one (1) delegate from each of the 6 regions to be appointed by the Regional Director and approved by a majority of the members in the region.
- (ii) one (1) delegate from each of the Select Committees to be appointed by the Chairperson and approved by a majority of the members in the committee.

SEC. 5. SELECT COMMITTEES.

There shall be four (4) Select Committees at the Statewide Convention.

(a) FINANCE.

- (i) The Finance Committee shall be responsible for
 - (1) the ongoing monitoring of the finances of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats,
 - (2) provide reports on financial goals, expenditures, and their purposes,
 - (3) oversee all major expenditures as defined by the Executive Committee, and
 - (4) oversee all fundraising planning and execution.

- (ii) The Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats and additional members defined in SEC. 4(d).

(b) CAMPAIGNS.

- (i) The Campaign Committee shall be responsible for
 - (1) managing the recommendation of endorsements of candidates in all offices when necessary,
 - (2) establishing working relationship with all campaigns in Pennsylvania and all national campaigns with Pennsylvania commonwealth or regional directors,
 - (3) recruiting young Democrats to run in races,
 - (4) encouraging education, engagement, and involvement, and
 - (5) working with the Finance Committee to disburse any and all funds.
- (ii) The Campaign Committee shall be chaired by an member of the body to serve a two (2) year term as a Class B Officer as laid out in the Pennsylvania Young Democrats Constitution, and additional members defined in SEC. 4(d).

(c) COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND HIGH SCHOOL AFFAIRS.

- (i) The Committee on College/University and High School Affairs shall be responsible for
 - (1) recommending the College/University Coordinator and High School Coordinator for Election,
 - (2) maintaining good relations with all affiliated commonwealth and national organizations, and
 - (3) encouraging chapters at new Colleges, Universities, and High Schools.
- (ii) The Committee on College/University and High School Affairs shall be co-chaired by the College/University Coordinator and High School Coordinator and additional members as defined in SEC. 4(d).

(d) COMMONWEALTH AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

- (i) The Committee on Commonwealth and National Affairs shall be responsible for
 - (1) recommending the two (2) National Committeepersons for election,
 - (2) recommending the Pennsylvania Young Democrats State Committee representative for appointment, and
 - (3) maintaining good relations with all affiliated commonwelath and national organizations.
- (ii) The Committee on Commonwealth and National Affairs shall be chaired by decision of the President, of either
 - (1) one (1) of the National Committeepersons, or
 - (2) the Pennsylvania Young Democrats State Committee representative.

SEC. 6. ELECTIONS.

- (a) CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY. - Candidates must be a member of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats and been in good standing for at least six (6) months.
- (b) DECLARING CANDIDACY. - Before 11:00 AM on the day of the statewide convention, members of the body wishing to declare candidacy shall submit, in writing, a declaration of candidacy for office to the Secretary of the Statewide Convention assembled.

(c) ORDER OF ELECTIONS.

- (i) The Statewide Convention shall consider candidates for office in the order of precedence as established in the Constitution, Article 5., Sections 1 and 2.

(d) SPEECHES.

- (i) The Statewide Convention shall allow candidates to speak as limited by--
 - (1) CLASS A OFFICERS. - Class A Officers shall be limited to five (5) minutes each.
 - (2) CLASS B OFFICERS. - Class B Officers shall be limited to three (3) minutes each.

(e) VOTING.

(i) PROCEDURES.

- (1) The Secretary of the Statewide Convention shall be responsible for prescribing the method for voting consistent with these Bylaws and the Constitution.

(ii) COMMONWEALTH OFFICERS.

- (1) All credentialed members of the State Convention who may vote are eligible to vote on statewide office races. No person may be elected to a position with less than a majority of the vote.

(iii) REGIONAL OFFICERS.

- (1) All credentialed members of the State Convention who may vote and are in the candidate's region are eligible to vote. No person may be elected to a position with less than a majority of the vote.

(iv) MISCELLANEOUS.

- (1) Unit Voting is prohibited.
- (2) No delegate shall cast a vote contrary to his or her express preference.

SEC. 7. DELEGATES.

(a) CHARTERED CLUBS.

(i) COUNTY CLUBS.

- (1) Each County Club duly chartered and ratified shall be eligible for a number of delegates defined by--
 - a) the Chair of the County Club or proxy (1),
 - b) the total number of registered Young Democrats divided by 10,000 rounded to the closest whole number (up to 20), and
 - c) the total number of county club membership divided by 10 rounded to the closest whole number (up to 10).
- (2) Each County Club shall be responsible for choosing their delegates to the Convention.

(ii) COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS.

- (1) Each College/University and High School club duly chartered and ratified shall be eligible for a number of delegates defined by--

- a) the Chair of the affiliate club or proxy (1), and
 - b) the total number of club membership divided by 10 rounded to the closest whole number (up to 5).
- (2) Each affiliate club shall be responsible for choosing their delegates to the Convention.

(b) COMMITTEES.

- (i) No Standing or Select Committees of the Statewide Convention shall represent any vote or be allocated any delegates.
- (ii) No Standing Committees of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats shall represent any vote or be allocated any delegates.
- (iii) Select Committees representing a constituency shall be allocated (1) delegate.

(c) INDIVIDUALS.

- (i) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. - All members of the Executive Committee shall be have the opportunity to be a delegate to the Statewide Convention should he/she not be a delegate by virtue of another position. Each member of the Executive Committee shall be allocated one (1) vote at the Statewide Convention.
- (ii) ELECTED OFFICIALS. -
 - (1) COMMONWEALTH PARTY.
 - a) PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY.
 - i) The Pennsylvania Democratic Party shall have the opportunity to send five (5) delegates to the Convention, three (3) of which shall be full voting members.
 - 1) These delegates must be from the Executive Committee or appointed by the Executive Committee.

(2) COMMONWEALTH OFFICIALS.

- a) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Attorney General, Auditor General, shall be afforded full delegate privileges, representing one (1) vote each if registered Democrats.
- b) Members of the Commonwealth Legislature shall be afforded floor privileges if registered Democrats but not entitled to any votes

(3) NATIONAL PARTY.

- a) YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA.
 - i) The Young Democrats of America shall have the opportunity to send five (5) delegates to the Convention, three (3) of which shall be full voting members.
 - 1) These delegates must be from the Executive Committee or appointed by the Executive Committee.

b) DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

- i) The Democratic National Committee shall have the opportunity to send five (5) delegates to the Convention, three (3) of which shall be full voting members.
 - 1) These delegates must be from the Executive Committee or appointed by the Executive Committee.

c) COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA.

- i) The College Democrats of America shall have the opportunity to send five (5) delegates to the Convention, three (3) of which shall be full voting members.
 - 1) These delegates must be from the Executive Committee or appointed by the Executive Committee.

d) HIGH SCHOOL DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA.

- i) The High School Democrats of America shall have the opportunity to send five (5) delegates to the Convention, three (3) of which shall be full voting members.
 - 1) These delegates must be from the Executive Committee or appointed by the Executive Committee.

(4) NATIONAL OFFICIALS.

- a) The President, Vice-President, and Speaker of the House shall be afforded full floor privileges as delegates and represent one (1) vote each if registered Democrats.
- b) Senators and Representatives shall be afforded full floor privileges as delegates and represent one (1) vote each if registered Democrats.

SEC. 8. AUTHORITY

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall constitute the presiding parliamentary procedure during the Statewide Convention except where contradictory to these Bylaws or the Constitution.

SEC. 9. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.

The organization shall meet at such additional times of the call of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to call a Special Constitutional Convention by a majority vote of the members. Notice of such shall be given to all affiliated Clubs at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special Constitutional Convention by email and on the official website.

- (a) SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. - The Executive Committee shall call a Special Constitutional Convention, with the support of a majority of the full membership, for the purpose of amending the constitution which may only occur with a 2/3 majority of all members present and voting.

SEC. 10. NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

When the Pennsylvania Young Democrats shall send delegates to the National Conventions of the Young Democrats of America the delegates shall be:

- (a) The President, Vice-President, National Committeepersons, College/University Director, High School Director, Regional Directors, Secretary, and Treasurer, and
 - (i) CHAIR. - The President shall be the Chairperson of the delegation to the Young Democrats of America Convention, and as such will assign specific duties and responsibilities to each delegate to fulfill.
- (b) any such other delegates who are duly appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 11. VOTING RESTRICTIONS.

Unit voting is strictly prohibited.

Article IX - Impeachment

SEC. 1. CAUSE.

There must be cause, presented to the full body assembled, in order to proceed with impeachment hearing.

SEC. 2. PROCESS.

- (a) Officers shall only be removed according to the following procedure--
 - (i) There must be cause and proof of actions contrary to the spirit or law of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats.
 - (ii) This information must be presented to the full body.
 - (iii) The full body must vote, by 2/3 majority, that the cause and proof is indeed contrary to the spirit or law of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats.
 - (1) If the body fails to meet a 2/3 majority, the impeachment process shall not continue.
 - (iv) Upon a 2/3 majority vote by the full body, the President or Vice-President, consistent with precedence, shall preside over the impeachment hearing.
 - (1) The full body may vote to suspend the President's or Vice-President's duty of presiding over an impeachment hearing with a 2/3 vote.
 - (2) Should the full body vote to suspend the President's or Vice-President's duty of presiding over an impeachment hearing, it shall, with a 2/3 majority, elect a presiding officer for the hearing.
 - (v) At the conclusion of the impeachment hearing, the presiding officer shall call for a final vote on impeachment, citing the reason, which shall only take effect upon vote of a 2/3 majority of the full body assembled.
- (b) APPEAL.
 - (i) Officers removed by impeachment shall have one (1) opportunity to appeal.
 - (ii) Officers appealing an impeachment shall submit in writing their reason for requesting appeal.
 - (iii) The Chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party or their appointee shall act as presiding officer over an appeal hearing and shall review for two errors in the original appeal decision.
 - (1) Appeal on interpretation of bylaws shall be reviewed *de novo* by the full body, and
 - (2) appeal on interpretation of the constitution shall be reviewed by a joint committee composed of the Constitution Committee and the Pennsylvania Democratic Party's Bylaws Committee.

Article X - Parliamentary Authority

Per the Constitution, all meetings of any form or by any affiliate or committee shall take place subject to the authority of the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order except where contradictory to these Bylaws or the Constitution.

Article XI - Amendments

SEC. 1. BYLAWS. - These Bylaws shall be amended by a 2/3 vote of the registered delegates to the Statewide Convention.

SEC. 2. CONSTITUTION. - The Constitution shall be amended by the process laid out in Article 8 of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats Constitution