

CONSTITUTION OF THE BROOME COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Broome County Young Democrats (referred to hereafter as BCYD).

Section 2. The Broome County Young Democrats shall be chartered and affiliated with the New York State Young Democrats and Young Democrats of America, to the extent possible.

Section 3. The purpose of the BCYD is:

- A. To work as closely as possible with all levels of the Democratic Party;
- B. To support and elect Democratic candidates to public office;
- C. To enhance the interest and knowledge of young people in government and political process;
- D. To train and develop young people for positions of leadership; and
- E. To increase the role of under-represented people in our party, government, and society.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of BCYD shall be drawn principally from residents of Broome County as well as from other areas near to Broome County.

Section 2. Members must be age sixteen (16) to thirty-six (36) and be a member of or believe in the principles of the Democratic Party.

Section 3. There shall be two types of membership:

- A. Regular Members: any eligible member that attends a BCYD event or otherwise participates in a BCYD event.
- B. Voting Members: any eligible member that meets the qualifications of a Regular Member and who is in compliance with the dues requirements in Article VI.

Section 4. Only Voting Members shall be entitled to vote on motions or at elections of the BCYD or otherwise take any action before the BCYD. Only Voting Members shall be entitled to hold an office or be on the Executive Board of the BCYD.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the elected and appointed officers of the BCYD and shall conduct the business of the BCYD between meetings thereof.

Section 2. The elected officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. In the event of a vacancy or temporary absence or disability in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office.

Section 4. With approval from the Executive Board or the BCYD, the President may appoint Voting Members to fill other vacancies, and he or she may appoint or remove committee chairs and non-elected officers.

Section 5. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the BCYD in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, the Constitution of the New York State Young Democrats, any applicable rule, or the New York State Democratic Committee.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the BCYD, preside over all Executive Board and BCYD meetings, and set the agendas for the meetings thereof.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his or her duties, in the absence of the President shall serve in his or her stead, and shall assume the office in the event of a vacancy.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all Executive Board and BCYD meetings, a roll of its members including email and pertinent contact information, and a copy of any documents and reports.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the BCYD, maintain accurate financial records for the organization, collect and deposit annual dues from new and current members, and timely file any required campaign finance disclosure reports with the New York State Board of Elections or other local, state or federal agencies.

Section 5. No person shall hold more than one (1) elected office at a time, except that of offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 6. Any non-elected officer or committee chair appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Board or BCYD shall have any duties and powers as agreed to, such that they do not conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. The Executive Board and BCYD shall meet no less than two (2) times during the course of one (1) year.

Section 2. The President or Secretary shall provide at least seven (7) days' notice to each member of the BCYD prior to any regular meeting and (3) days' notice to each member of the BCYD prior to any special meeting, except in the case of emergency. Notice may be provided by email.

Section 3. Special meetings of the BCYD may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request to the President and the Secretary of a majority of Voting Members of the BCYD.

Section 4. Twenty-five (25) percent of BCYD members present in person or via proxy shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business at general meetings.

Section 5. A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Voting Members may submit a proxy to another Voting Member in the event that he or she is unable to attend a meeting.

Section 7. All proxy forms shall be transferable and Voting Members may hold a maximum of two (2).

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

Section 1. The BCYD fiscal year shall begin January 1st and end December 31st of each year.

Section 2. Annual dues for membership shall be five dollars (\$5) per fiscal year and shall be considered paid immediately upon the President or Treasurer's receipt of said payment.

Section 3. All financial disbursements must be approved by the Executive Board or BCYD.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1. Each officer shall be elected by a vote of the Voting Members of BCYD at the first meeting in September of each year.

Section 2. The order of nominations and elections shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. All terms shall be effective immediately and shall expire at the first BCYD meeting in September the following year, unless an officer resigns, is removed from office, or becomes ineligible to be a member of the BCYD.

ARTICLE VIII: CANDIDATES

Section 1. The BCYD shall never oppose a Democrat candidate for political office by supporting non-Democrat candidates.

Section 2. The BCYD reserves the right to endorse a Democrat candidate, either prior to or following a Primary Election.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary at least two (2) weeks (14) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment shall be considered.

Section 2. The amendment shall be considered approved if two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members of the BCYD in attendance or via proxy vote in favor of the amendment.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Broome County Young Democrats, all funds in the treasury and other assets and records shall go to the Broome County Democratic Committee, after all obligations have been met, to be safeguarded.

Section 2. The Broome County Young Democrats shall be considered dissolved thirty (30) days after a vacancy of a majority of the officers or a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the BCYD.