

Young Democrats of Clark County Bylaws

Preamble

We, the Young Democrats of Clark County, with the intent to inject the youth's core values in the Democratic process in Clark County Washington, shall endeavor to stimulate in young people an active interest in governmental affairs, increase the efficiency of our government, maintain the viability of free institutions, and contribute to the growth of the Democratic Party by establishing our bylaws that govern us.

Article I: Name and Affiliation

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF CLARK COUNTY

Section 2: Affiliation

We, the Young Democrats of Clark County, shall be affiliated with the Young Democrats of America, the Washington State Young Democrats, and the subsidiary Young Democrats organizations in Washington State, and the Clark County Democrats.

Article II: Organization

Section 1: Meetings

Meetings shall convene on the last Wednesday of each month to discuss matters within or outside of the organization unless a change of date is specified by the General Board.

Section 2: Procedure and Action

All meetings shall be governed by the rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 3: Voting

Voting will consist of a 50+1% of the people attending the meeting, unless specified within these bylaws. Proxy votes will only be accepted if the body deems the votes necessary to passing or denying a plan.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Membership

Membership within Young Democrats of Clark County is limited to people who declare themselves to be Democrats and under the Age of 36 years old.

To become a Voting Member of the Young Democrats of Clark County the person must attend two or more events sponsored or held by the Young Democrats of Clark County; or pay membership dues in full.

To be eligible for subsidized chapter opportunities; all dues must be up to date.

Section 2: Dues

Dues shall be assessed on a yearly basis and subject to a 2/3rds majority vote.
Dues for the 2011 fiscal year shall be \$20.00.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Term Limits

Officers shall be elected to a 1-year term starting on the date of election.

Section 2: Elected Offices

The Officers of the Young Democrats of Clark County shall be: The President, The Vice President of Internal Affairs, The Vice President of Political Affairs, The Vice President of Media, The Vice President of the Treasury, and The Vice President of Membership.

Section 3: Duties

Each officer is to faithfully execute the duties to which he or she is assigned.

The President is to:

- a) Direct all offices and represent the organization to the public, through:
 - 1) Setting the agenda,
 - 2) Holding regular meetings,
 - 3) Reporting his or her activities on furthering the organization, and,
 - 4) Overseeing the operations of the organization.
- b) The President may appoint, at his or her discretion, a President Pro Tem, in case of his or her absence.

The Vice President of Internal Affairs duties are to:

- a) Collect and Maintain a Contacts list within the Organization,
- b) Distribute official communications from the Offices of the President and the Vice Presidents',
- c) Maintain an internal library of communications,
- d) Record all meeting notes and to distribute them accordingly,
- e) Prepare and distribute meeting agendas in conjunction with the President, and
- f) Evaluate his or her cabinet for the purposes of awards.

The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall appoint to his or her cabinet:

- 1) The Volunteer Opportunities Manger and,
- 2) The Campaign Opportunities Manger.

The Vice President of Political Affairs duties are to:

- a) Inform his or herself of legislation that will impede or progress the Young democratic values in Clark County,
- b) Inform him or herself of legislative Campaign drives,
- c) Evaluate his or her cabinet for the purpose of awards.

The Vice President of Political Affairs shall appoint to his or her cabinet:

- 1) An Incorporated Cities Consultant,
- 2) An Unincorporated towns Consultant,
- 3) A Regional Consultant, and,
- 4) A State Wide Consultant.

The Vice President of Media duties are to:

- a) Manage a Young Democrats of Clark County website,
- b) Hold Press releases,
- c) Educate him or herself on the workings of social media outlets, and,
- d) Evaluate his or her Cabinet for the purpose of awards.

The Vice President of Media's Cabinet shall consist of:

- 1) A Senior Writer/Editor,
- 2) Two Associate Editors/Writers, and,
- 3) A Media Photographer.

The Vice President of the Treasury Duties are to:

- a) Create an operating budget for the Organization,
- b) Inform him or herself on opportunities for positive revenues and expenditures, and,
- c) To evaluate his or her cabinet for the purpose of awards.

The Vice President of the Treasury's cabinet shall consist of:

- 1) Incoming Account Manager, and,
- 2) An Outgoing Account Manager.

The Vice President of Membership's duties shall be:

- a) **a**Actively recruit new membership through:
 - 1) giving presentations
 - 2) tabling at sponsored and non-sponsored events
 - 3) establishing clubs within other institutions
 - 4) voter registration
- b) **e**Coordinate with other chapters to track members that move
- c) **e**Educate and train new members
- d) **In conjunction with the President, hold leadership training sessions for current members**
- e) **Chair the Outreach and Events Committees**
- f) **e**Evaluate his or her cabinet for the purposes of awards

The Vice President of Membership shall appoint to his or her cabinet:

- 1) College and Universities Director
- 2) High Schools Director
- 3) Alternative Educational Institutions Director

4) Leadership Development Director

Section 4: Board Membership

All Persons appointed or Elected by the Organization will make up the General Board of the Young Democrats of Clark County

The President and Vice Presidents of the Organization will make up the Executive Board.

Section 5: Removal from Office

Removal of Officers as set apart by the Young Democrats of Washington:

1. Grounds for Removal

a. The grounds for removal of an officer shall be misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in the performance of his or her duties.

2. The process for removal of an officer, either elected or appointed, shall be as follows:

a. A motion for removal must be made at a regular or special meeting of the Executive board. Charges demanding removal shall be referred to the General Board to ascertain, by majority vote, the validity of the charges and whether or not the charges are proper grounds for removal.

b. If the General Board cannot determine by majority vote that the charges are valid and are proper grounds for removal, the charges shall be dropped and stricken from the record.

c. Once the General board has determined the charges before the body to be valid and proper grounds for removal, a detailed statement of the charges shall be mailed to each member of the General Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to the next General Board meeting, which shall be held no more than sixty (60) days following the day charges were first brought before the Board.

d. The officer subject to removal must be given the opportunity to respond at or before the meeting at which removal is considered.

e. Only General Board members in office before charges were brought before the General Board shall be eligible to vote on the motion for removal. A sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote of ~~the General Board~~ those present and eligible to vote shall be required for removal of an officer.

Section V: Committees and Caucuses

If, at any time, the General Board feels it is necessary it may designate for the creation of special membership committees and caucuses.

All committees or caucuses that are deemed necessary shall be amended into the bylaws.

Section VI: Amendment of the Bylaws

Section 1: Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of all the members in attendance at any meeting, or by two-thirds vote of the General Board. An amendment shall become effective on the

first business day after adjournment of the meeting at which the amendment was adopted unless a specific exception is stated in the motion to amend.

Section 2: Notice

Notice of amendment to the Bylaws must be given to the General Board one week, (7) days, prior to any meeting of the entirety of the General Board, this includes regular meetings which the General Board will attend.

Section VII: Suspension of the Bylaws

These Bylaws may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Young Democrats of Clark County, or General Board. A motion to suspend must identify the Article and Section being suspended and may not suspend more than any one Article. This Article may not be suspended.

Article VIII: Endorsements

Section 1: Candidate Forums

The General Board may call for a candidate forum for any race at any time through a fifty percent plus one (50%+1) majority vote.

- a. There shall be a candidates' forum, open to the public, before any endorsement is made.
- b. This Section shall apply to primary elections and any other time more than one Democrat is trying to obtain the same elected office.

Section 2: Procedure

Nomination for endorsement consideration shall be made in the form of a motion and a second.

- a. If there is more than one nomination, the body will vote with the option for all candidates, but each voting member shall cast one vote for one candidate. Whichever candidate receives the most votes will receive the endorsement.
 1. If there is a tie for most votes, there shall be a run-off election with only the two candidates that received the most votes.
- b. Only active members of at least three (3) months shall cast votes for endorsement.
- c. There shall be only one endorsement per office.