

# CHARTER AND BYLAWS

## OF THE ELKO COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

### PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Elko County Young Republicans, establish this organization as a **chartered county chapter** of the **Nevada Young Republicans (NVYR)** and the **Young Republican National Federation (YRNF)** to advance the cause of freedom, limited government, and individual responsibility among young conservatives in Elko County.

### ARTICLE I – NAME AND AFFILIATION

1. The name of this organization shall be the **Elko County Young Republicans**, hereafter referred to as “the Chapter.”
2. The Chapter is officially chartered under the **Nevada Young Republicans**, and through it, affiliated with the **Young Republican National Federation (YRNF)**.
3. The Chapter shall abide by the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the NVYR and YRNF while maintaining local autonomy in its internal affairs.

### ARTICLE II – MISSION

The mission of the Elko County Young Republicans is to unite young conservatives in promoting Republican principles, developing future leaders, supporting Republican candidates, and strengthening the Republican Party in Elko County and across Nevada.

### ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

The purposes of this Chapter shall be to:

1. Promote the principles and platform of the Republican Party.
2. Recruit, train, and elect Republican candidates to public office.
3. Encourage young people to participate in the political process.
4. Build a strong local network of Republican activists and leaders.
5. Support the efforts of the Nevada Young Republicans and the Republican Party at every level.

## ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

1. **Eligibility:** Membership is open to any individual who:
  - a. Is a registered Republican under Nevada law.
  - b. Is between the ages of 18 and 40, inclusive.
  - c. Resides, works, or studies within Elko County.
2. **Good Standing:** Members remain in good standing by upholding the standards and principles of the organization and paying any required dues that may be set by the Executive Board.
3. **Dues:** The Executive Board may set annual dues, collected on a calendar-year basis.

## ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Chapter shall be:
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Member-at-Large
2. Officers must be members in good standing and registered Republicans.
3. Officers shall serve **two-year terms**, elected in **odd-numbered years**, beginning January 1 following their election and serving until successors are elected and qualified.
4. No individual may hold more than one office at the same time.
5. Officers may serve consecutive terms without limit, provided they are reelected by the membership during each regular election cycle.

## ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. **Chair:**
  - Presides over all meetings and serves as the chief executive officer of the Chapter.
  - Represents the Chapter publicly and ensures compliance with these bylaws.
  - Serves as the official liaison to the Nevada Young Republicans.
2. **Vice Chair:**
  - Assists the Chair and assumes all duties in the Chair's absence or upon vacancy.
  - Oversees committees and projects as assigned.
3. **Secretary:**
  - Maintains minutes, membership records, and all official documents.

- Handles correspondence and provides reports to the NVYR when required.
4. **Treasurer:**
- Manages all financial accounts and disbursements.
  - Maintains accurate financial records and provides regular reports to the membership and Executive Board.
  - File reports and documents, if needed, with the Secretary of State or government bodies as necessary.
5. **Member-at-Large:**
- Solicit member feedback and bring it to the board.
  - Watch for process fairness and compliance.
  - Take on specific tasks delegated by the board (events, recruiting, outreach, etc.)
  - Observe voting and certify that procedure was followed.

## **ARTICLE VII – SUCCESSION AND VACANCIES**

1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of **Chair**, the **Vice Chair** shall automatically assume the office for the remainder of the term.
2. Vacancies in any other office shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Board until the next regular election.
3. If both the Chair and Vice Chair offices become vacant, the Secretary shall call a special election within thirty (30) days.

## **ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the ~~four~~ **five** elected officers.
2. The Board shall manage the business and affairs of the Chapter between regular meetings.
3. A **majority** of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
4. Board actions shall require a majority vote of those present.

## **ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS**

1. The Chapter shall hold regular membership meetings at least **quarterly**.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Executive Board with at least seven (7) days' notice.
3. A **quorum** for membership meetings shall consist of a majority of the Executive Board and at least five (5) members in good standing.
4. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with **Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised**, except where inconsistent with these bylaws.

## ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall be held **biennially in odd-numbered years** during the fourth quarter (October–December).
2. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.
3. Officers shall be elected by a majority of members in good standing present and voting.
4. The newly elected officers shall assume office on **January 1** following the election.

## ARTICLE XI – AFFILIATION AND GOOD STANDING

1. The Chapter shall remain in good standing with the Nevada Young Republicans and, through it, the YRNF by:
  - Maintaining an active membership.
  - Submit an updated list of officers following each election.
  - Paying any required state or national dues.
2. The Chapter shall maintain open communication and cooperation with the NVYR while retaining autonomy in its internal activities and local endorsements.

## ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

1. These bylaws may be amended by two thirds vote of members in good standing present at any regular or special meeting.
2. Written notice of the proposed amendment shall be provided to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

## ARTICLE XIII – RATIFICATION AND CHARTER

These bylaws and charter shall take effect upon adoption by a majority of the founding members of the Elko County Young Republicans and certification by the Nevada Young Republicans Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE XIV – TERRITORY AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION

1. The Elko County Young Republicans are granted **exclusive jurisdiction within Elko County, Nevada**, as the sole recognized Young Republican chapter for that territory.
2. No other Young Republican organization shall be chartered within Elko County while this charter remains active and in good standing.
3. The Chapter shall work cooperatively with other county chapters and the Nevada Young Republicans to advance the shared mission of the organization statewide.

## **ARTICLE XV – NON-ENDORSEMENT POLICY**

1. The Chapter shall not endorse or oppose any Republican candidate for public office before the conclusion of the relevant primary election.
2. The Chapter may take positions on ballot questions, initiatives, referenda, or public policy issues at any time, provided such positions do not conflict with the platform or official positions of the Elko County Republican Party.
3. Members of the Executive committee may not endorse or publicly support one republican candidate prior to the republican primary election. Other general members may endorse or support any Republican candidate of their choosing provided that this isn't an endorsement made by the chapter.

## **ARTICLE XVI – FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND AUTHORIZED SIGNERS**

The Chapter is authorized to open and maintain financial accounts for the purpose of conducting its official business. The primary account shall be held at Elko Federal Credit Union unless otherwise approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

The Chair and the Treasurer shall be the authorized signers on all Chapter accounts.

No expenditure of Chapter funds may be made without the knowledge of both authorized signers, and all disbursements shall be recorded by the Treasurer and reported to the membership upon request.

## **ARTICLE XVII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition, shall govern the proceedings of the Elko County Young Republicans in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws. Proceedings shall not conflict with the chapters bylaws and the Elko County Republican Party's bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XVIII – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND DISCIPLINE**

1. An officer may be removed from office for any of the following:
  - a. Gross misconduct or violation of these bylaws
  - b. Failure to perform the duties of the office
  - c. Public actions materially damaging to the reputation or interests of the Chapter
  - d. Loss of eligibility or Republican registration
2. A motion to remove an officer must be submitted in writing and signed by at least two (2) members in good standing.
  - a. The officer in question shall be given written notice and an opportunity to respond before a vote is taken.
  - b. Removal requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members in good standing present at a properly noticed meeting.
3. Any vacancy created by removal shall be filled in accordance with Article VII.
4. The Executive Board may censure, suspend, or revoke membership of any member for conduct detrimental to the Chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, subject to appeal at the next membership meeting.