

Carnegie Young Republicans Constitution

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Article I: Objectives of the club

- To represent Republican students in the Carnegie Vanguard High School student body.
- To educate students and members of the community about the ideals of the Republican Party and about the political process.
- To aid local and national Republican candidates to victory in elections.
- To demonstrate Republican ideals through community service.
- To spread political awareness and advocate participation in the political process through voting, and being well informed.

Article II: Affiliations

The Carnegie Young Republicans is recognized as a chapter of the High School Republicans of Texas.

Article III: Official Principles

The official principles and platform of this club shall be the same as the Republican National Committee and associated organizations.

Article IV: Membership

All Carnegie Vanguard High School students are eligible to be members of this organization. Membership is granted upon payment of club dues (5 dollars).

Article V: Officers

Officers shall be elected for the following school year at the last or second to last meeting of this club during May of the previous school year with the exception of the 9th Grade Representative, who will be elected at the beginning of the school year for which they would hold the position. All members are eligible to vote for officers regardless of class or age. All members are eligible to run for office regardless of class or age as long as they have attended 50% of the meetings of the club (with the exception of members voting for the freshman class representative at the beginning of the year) of that calendar school year as determined by the Secretary or have participated in an adequate number of outside activities and projects in combination with the number of meetings attended. It is at the discretion of the chairman and the sponsor as to what this alternate or additional requirement is. Officers must attend all meetings unless they have a reasonable conflict that the chairman is notified of within one day of the meeting or if an emergency arises.

The officers of the club shall be the following:

- **Chairman:** The chairman shall be the president and chief executive officer of the organization. He/she shall preside over all meetings. The chairman is responsible for assigning officer duties and appointing officer positions when necessary. The chairman shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- **Vice-Chairman:** The vice-chairmen shall, in case of the absence of the chairman, perform the duties of the chairman. He/she shall be the chairman's chief assistant and shall perform any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman. The vice-chairman shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees.

- Secretary: The secretary shall keep the records and proceedings of the organization. He/she shall take attendance at each meeting and activity, keep the minutes of the meetings and any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman.
- Treasurer: The treasurer shall keep all the financial records of the club. He/she is responsible for paying the bills of the club out of the club account, keeping track of fundraising, advising the chairman on the finances of the club and any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman.
- Press Secretary: The press secretary shall be responsible for recruiting new members, managing the public relations of the club and any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman.
- 12th Grade Representative: The 12th Grade Representative represents the senior class to the club officers and shall be charged with dealing with senior members, encouraging attendance and any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman. Only seniors may hold this position.
- 11th Grade Representative: The 11th Grade Representative represents the junior class to the club officers and shall be charged with dealing with junior members, encouraging attendance and any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman. Only juniors may hold this position.
- 10th Grade Representative: The 10th Grade Representative represents the sophomore class to the club officers and shall be charged with dealing with sophomore members, encouraging attendance and any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman. Only sophomores may hold this position.
- 9th Grade Representative: The 9th Grade Representative represents the freshman class to the club officers and shall be charged with dealing with freshman members, encouraging attendance and any other appropriate duties assigned by the chairman. Only freshman may hold this position.

It shall be left to the discretion of the club chairman whether or not the press secretary and representative positions should be activated. The chairman should periodically review his/her decision based on the amount of club members.

The faculty sponsors of the club shall have final say on decisions made by the officers and the members to make sure that everything this club does is within the rules of the high school and the law. The chairman and/or vice chairman shall be responsible for communication with the high school administration and high school faculty; however, if the chairman finds it appropriate, he may delegate certain communications with the administration and faculty to another officer.

If it is the determination of the chairman that an officer has violated the conditions herein by not adequately performing the duties of their office, the chairman may move for the removal of the officer from office. If the sponsor and the majority of the officers (not including the accused) agree, a majority vote of the members present at a meeting may remove the officer from office. The chairman shall appoint an interim person to occupy the post until the next officer election. If the chairman is the officer in question, a majority vote of the officers shall bring the issue to the club where a majority of those present at a meeting may remove the chairman. If the chairman is removed, then the Officers shall elect a new chairman to serve until the next officer election.

Article VI: Committees

The Chairman, with the approval of the sponsors, may establish special committees, in addition to the standing committees, that are responsible for certain activities or initiatives of the club. The Chairman shall, at the beginning of each school year, appoint the chairman and members of the standing and special committees for that school year. Special committees can be created at any time during the school year, but end unless recreated for the next school year. All members are eligible to be members of committees. Committees shall work by adopting plans for their assigned task that the chairman then uses, with the help of the committee members, to run an event or initiative. The standing committees shall be the committees on Fundraising and Community Service.

Article VII: Meetings

The club shall not meet less often than bi-weekly. A sponsor shall provide supervision or approval for all meetings. All meetings shall have an agenda approved by the chairman. Committees can meet following the regular meetings or can meet separately, if applicable.

Article VIII: Amending the Constitution

- Amendments must be put in writing
- Amendments must be approved by the sponsors, the majority of the officers and the chairman.
- The amendment must then be approved by a 2/3 majority at a meeting where more than 1/2 of the clubs members are present.
- The Secretary shall certify that this process was followed properly in order for the amendment to be added.

Amendments

1. In addition to club fees, maintaining of membership status will be determined by club attendance. A minimum of attendance at three club meetings and at least one debate per academic semester (18 weeks) is mandatory. The club secretary will ensure attendance is taken in a proper manner.