

Marietta College Republicans

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I

Sec. 1.0 Name – This chapter is chartered by the Ohio College Republicans Federation. The name of this chapter shall be The Marietta College Republicans. It shall be known throughout this document as the MCRs.

Sec. 2.0 Location – This chapter is chartered and established at Marietta College and shall remain chartered at this school unless lawful action to the contrary is taken by Marietta College

Sec. 3.0 Duties of the Chapter – As provided in the chapter charter, as issued by the Ohio College Republicans Federation, this chapter shall promote the principles, ideals, and precepts of the Republican Party, and shall abide by the United States Constitution and By-Laws of the chapter, which may be lawfully amended from time to time. The chapter shall also adhere to the rules and procedures that may be lawfully promulgated by the Ohio College Republican Federation. The chapter shall submit such reports and transmit such fees as may from time to time be required by the duly constituted authorities of the chapter.

Article II

- Purpose -

Sec. 1.0 The MCRs shall promote the conservative principles of the Republican Party among the students of Marietta College and Washington County.

Sec. 2.0 The MCRs shall recruit members to the College Republican movement and to the Republican Party.

Sec. 3.0 The MCRs shall aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government

Sec. 4.0 The MCRs shall encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels

Sec. 5.0 The MCRs are to assist in the development of political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to the party and the community

Article III

- Membership -

Sec. 1.0 Eligibility for Membership – Eligibility for membership in the MCRs shall be as follows:

Par. 1 Be enrolled as a full- or part-time student at Marietta College

Par. 2 Have paid membership dues in the amount set by the Executive Board

Sec. 2.0 Meetings The MCRs shall hold a meeting for all members not less than twice a month. Attendance at regular MCRs meetings is not mandatory but highly encouraged. Quorum for the meeting is 10% of dues paying members including one-half of the elected positions

Sec. 3.0 Members in Good Standing – A member in good standing of this chapter is a person who has been accepted to membership in MCRs and is not delinquent in the payment of any financial obligations, performance of any obligations, or duty to this chapter

Sec. 4.0 Termination of Membership – Membership in this chapter may be terminated by:

Par. 1 Expulsion by a legally constituted chapter of this organization for violating the purposes of the Republican Party and/or the provisions of the chapter By-Laws

Par. 2 Engaging in unworthy conducts tending to bring disrespect to the Ohio College Republicans Federation or this chapter

Par. 3 Failure to pay lawful obligation of to the chapter

Par. 4 By voluntary resignation from membership by giving written or electronic notice at any time

Sec. 5.0 Impeachment of Elected Officers – Elected officers may be impeached for failure to perform his/her prescribed duties properly and in good faith.

Par. 1 Candidates for impeachment must be notified about the impeachment proceedings in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting at which the impeachment will be considered

Par. 2 The Chairman will present the reasons for the impeachment proceedings to the members before the official vote takes place.

Par. 3 The officer in question will be given the opportunity to address the meeting before the official vote takes place

Par. 4 An officer will be considered for impeachment if one-fourth (1/4) of active members submit a petition calling for the officer's removal from office

Par. 5 Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present at the meeting of the impeachment proceedings, an officer shall be removed from his or her position

Par. 6 The position will be filled by appointment by the Chairman until elections can be held

Par. 7 The impeached officer may seek election to fill the vacancy, as may any other member having been active in the MCRs for at least one semester.

Par. 8 If the chapter President is impeached, the chapter Vice Chairman will automatically become the new chapter Chairman

ARTICLE IV

- Election Procedure -

Sec. 1.0 Officers – This chapter shall annually elect a chapter Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer from the student members of the chapter who are members in good standing and who have at least one full year prior to graduation from the undergraduate school at which this chapter is chartered.

Sec. 2.0 Election of Officers – Elections for chapter officers shall be held during the month of December of each year. The chapter Chairman shall set the exact date, time, and place for such an election. All members of the chapter must be notified of the exact date, time and place for such an election at least ten days prior to the election date

Sec. 3.0 Nomination Procedure – An officer will be chosen by receiving a majority of the votes cast by MCR members that are present at the meeting at which elections are to be held

Par. 1 Nominations for an office or position in the MCRs may be made from the floor at any meeting at which elections are to be held

Par. 2 Any individual member of this organization shall be eligible for nomination as an officer as long as they have met the following requirements:

- a. The candidate must have been a member for at least one semester,
- b. The candidate must have met all the requirements of a member in good standing as stated in Article III Sec 3.0,
- c. The candidate must be available to uphold the duties and time commitments of the officer he/she is running for

Par. 3 Candidates will have a maximum of 1-minute to speak while the other candidates are out of the room. Each candidate for office will do this until all candidates have spoken for that particular office. Immediately following the candidate's 1-minute speech, members will be given the opportunity to question each candidate.

Par. 4 Following the questions and answer period, the candidates for office will step outside of the voting room

ARTICLE V

- Voting Procedure -

Sec. 1.0 Overview – Robert's Rules of Order shall be in effect with the Chairman counting the vote's cast. Any vote may be appealed. The chapter Chairman shall vote only in the event of a tie. There are three different types of voting: the general vote, the declared vote, and the special vote. For each vote, the general rules outlined here must be followed.

Par. 1 General Vote – A general vote is defined as any vote that arises at a chapter meeting, is of a general topic, and calls for an immediate vote. A simple majority of members present in good standing is needed to pass a general vote.

Par. 2 Declared Vote – A declared vote is defined as any vote that is declared in the Chapter Constitution or By-Laws. Any declared vote calls for a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present in good standing.

Par. 3 Special Vote – A special vote is defined as any vote that has a specially established voting procedure set forth in the Chapter Constitution.

Sec. 2.0 Voting Criteria – To be able to vote, the MCR must be a member in good standing according to Article II Sec. 3.0

Sec. 3.0 Absentee Vote – If a member is not able to attend a meeting at which a vote will occur, they must submit an absentee to the Secretary before the start of the meeting at which the vote will occur. The ballot must be sealed and signed by the member who will be absent.

Sec. 4.0 Chapter Veto – Any vote that is taken by the chapter or the Executive Committee can be vetoed. To veto a passed vote or a vote of the Executive Committee, at least a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the entire roster of members in good standing is required. No absentee ballots can be submitted for a veto of the Executive Committee Board.

Sec. 5.0 Miscellaneous Vote – Any elected official of the MCRs may call for a vote on any topic/action of the MCRs. The issue shall be decided by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the President shall make the final decision.

ARTICLE VI

- Officers and Duties -

Sec. 1.0 The governing authority of the MCRs shall be the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2.0 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following elected officers:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Sec. 3.0 The duties of the elected officers are as follows:

Chairman – Shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the chapter. He/She shall insure that all other chapter officers shall perform the duties of their respective offices and shall be responsible for the welfare and dignity of the chapter during his/her term office. The chapter Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and have the final say over all matters which do not require a vote of the MCR executive committee or membership. The President shall also coordinate efforts with allied organizations and branches of the Republican Party

Vice Chairman – Shall assist the Chairman in the performance of such chapter duties as may be requested by the chapter Chairman. In the event of absence, death, resignation, disqualification, or impeachment of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman until the election of a new Chairman.

Secretary – Shall be the chief recorder and correspondent of this chapter. He/She shall keep a true and complete record of all matters pertaining to this chapter and shall certify thereto when necessary. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the chapter minutes, administrative records, and reports of the chapter. The Secretary shall also be responsible for getting her minutes, records, etc approved by the Chairman before they are published on the Internet web page. He/She shall maintain a record of all chapter members as appropriate. He/she shall maintain a close liaison with the chapter's advisor. He/she is responsible for submitting the official reports required of the chapter by the procedures promulgated by the chapter Chairman with such information as each may request

Treasurer – Shall be the chief financial officer of this chapter, shall have charge of all chapter funds and the collection and disbursement thereof. The Treasurer shall pay out money of itemized vouchers countersigned by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman when acting for the Chairman. The Treasurer shall keep a chronological record of money received and disbursed amongst the chapter.

ARTICLE VII

-Chapter Operations-

Sec. 1.0 The chapter Chairman and Treasurer may jointly approve emergency expenditures totaling less than \$25.00 in a one-month period

Sec. 2.0 Referenda other than constitutional amendments will be approved if a simple majority of active members present at the meeting vote in favor of the proposal

Sec. 3.0 The MCRs are affiliated with the Ohio College Republican Federation and reserve the right to disaffiliate with the organization at any time by a 2/3 vote of active members present at the meeting in which such separation would be voted upon

Sec. 4.0 The MCRs are affiliated with the College Republican National Committee and reserve the right to disaffiliate with the organization at any time by a 2/3 vote of active members present at the meeting in which such separation would be voted upon

Sec. 5.0 The Executive Board shall establish all club dues and approve all club membership forms

Sec. 6.0 The Executive Committee may introduce, approve, and implement all actions and activities necessary and proper for the functioning of the MCRs

Sec. 7.0 The dues amount cannot change within the current semester without a vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

- Electronic Communications -

Sec. 1.0 Electronic mail shall serve as an official medium of communication for the MCRs, provided, however, that messages from the MCRs must be signed using the organization's name and originates from the Chairman's email account

ARTICLE IX

- Finances -

Sec. 1.0 Annual dues shall be paid by all members of the MCRs, the amount which is set annually by the Executive Committee as stated in Article 1, Sec. 1. Par. 3

Sec. 2.0 Handling of Funds

Par. 1 All funds belonging to the MCRs shall be deposited and dispersed through the bank account established for the MCRs

Par. 2 The MCRs bank account will be administered by the Executive Committee

Par. 3 All funds must be accounted for by the Treasurer

Par. 4 The Chairman and the Treasurer each shall have the authority to sign all checks drawn on the MCR account

Par. 5 A record of the financial standing of the MCRs shall be entered into the minutes at each Executive Committee meeting and at each regular club meeting.

ARTICLE X

- Parliamentary Authority -

Sec. 1.0 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern all meetings of the MCRs, unless said rules conflict with this Constitution and any special rules of order the MCRs adopt

ARTICLE XI

- Amendments -

Sec. 1.0 Any active member may propose a constitutional amendment. The proposed amendment must be presented to and approved by the Executive Committee

Sec. 2.0 If the Executive Committee approves the proposed amendment, two week's notice must be given to the membership so that a chapter vote on the amendment may take place. This includes the full text of the proposed amendment and any language it would change, before any amendment may be considered at a meeting of the MCRs

Sec. 3.0 If the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of active members present at the meeting, the amendment shall become part of the constitution

*adopted from the University of Dayton College Republicans