

YDA Jewish Caucus
Organizational By-laws
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PREAMBLE

The Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus shall endeavor to represent a Jewish voice within the Young Democrats of America as well as a Young Democratic voice within the Jewish community by advocating for issues of special concern to Young Jewish Democrats at the local, state and national levels.

ARTICLE I NAME AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 Name

The name of this organization shall be the YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA JEWISH CAUCUS and may be abridged as YDAJC, YDA Jewish Caucus, or simply JEWISH CAUCUS.

Section 2 Affiliation

The Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus is affiliated with the Young Democrats of America.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

The structure of the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus shall be comprised of regions reflecting those of the Young Democrats of America. Should the regional alignment of Young Democrats of America change, the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus will correspondingly change organizational structure at the next election.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 National Membership

The membership of the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus shall be comprised of duly chartered state Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus Chapters and the members thereof.

At-Large membership to Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus shall also be granted to individuals. At-Large members shall receive all of those privileges of state chapter members. At-Large membership is open to persons who meet the requirements outlined in Article III, Section 2.

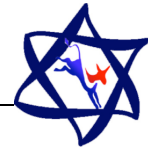
Section 2 Membership Limitations

Regular membership in chartered chapters shall be open to persons who are at least fourteen (14) years of age and under 36 years of age who are registered Democrats or who intend to register when eligible and who profess an interest in issues of Jewish concern.

Every regular member of a duly chartered chapter or at-large member shall be eligible for any office in this organization.

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Voting membership shall be accorded upon attendance at two events or meetings of the organization inclusive of the meeting at which the vote is to be cast.

Persons below the minimum age or over the age of thirty-five (35) may be admitted as honorary non-voting members of any chapter. No non-voting member may be used for the purpose of representation at any meeting of this organization.

Article IV CHARTERING/MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS

Section 1 Procedure

Any chapter that meets the requirements of these By-laws and has at least ten (10) members may charter with the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus.

A chapter seeking to be chartered with this organization shall file an application with the chair of the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus.

Section 2 Duration

Every chapter charter shall expire bi-annually at the YDA National Convention with the first expiration occurring in 2007.

Section 3 Suspension or Revocation

Chapter charters may be suspended or revoked by action of any duly called meeting of the National Executive Committee for violations of these By-laws. Said chapter and all National Executive Committee members must be notified of alleged violations and such action at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

Section 4 Bi-Annual Reports

All chapters shall submit written reports to the National Executive Committee biannually. The progress report should provide general information regarding membership, meeting schedules, noteworthy events, and a financial statement. The progress report is due by the opening of the Young Democrats of America National Convention. Violation of this provision shall not prevent a chapter's delegation from being seated at any meeting or the National Convention.

Section 5 Quarterly Reports

All chapters in attendance at any meeting of the Executive Committee may give an oral report to the body if they so choose.

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Article V OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers

The elected officers of this organization shall be: Chair, Executive Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair of Political Affairs, Vice-Chair of Jewish Outreach, and Parliamentarian.

The appointed officers of this organization shall be: Regional Directors corresponding to the regions present in the Young Democrats of America and any other appointed positions the chair deems necessary. All appointed officers shall be non-voting members of the executive committee.

Section 2 Duties

The Chair shall be the chief executive officer, official voice, and shall be its representative at all Young Democrats of America functions. The Chair shall preside over all meetings. The Chair shall have the authority to create special and standing committees and to appoint the chairs of said committees, unless otherwise provided for in these By-laws. All committees and appointments of the Chair are subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee. The Chair shall establish an organizational calendar. The Chair shall have the authority to call meetings when necessary.

The Executive Vice-Chair shall report directly to the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the Executive Vice-Chair shall preside at the meetings of this organization. Should a vacancy occur in the chair of this organization, the Executive Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of Chair until such time as a replacement is selected according to these By-laws.

The Secretary shall maintain all records of the Organization, serve all required notices, and discharge any other duties at the discretion of the Chair. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes at all meetings. The Secretary also shall collect, maintain and update all past, present and future records of this organization. Copies of these records shall be provided to any officer, chapter or members as requested.

The Treasurer shall submit financial statements to the Executive Committee at each regularly scheduled meeting, and be responsible for seeing that all disbursements, receipts, banking relationships, FEC statements and in general, any and all bookkeeping responsibilities of the organization are fully and properly performed. An annual budget of the organization shall be prepared for approval of the National Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the summer Executive Committee meeting or Young Democrats of America National Convention.

The Vice-Chair of Political Affairs shall maintain contact with elected officials, campaigns, politically oriented organizations and organizers of political events. The Vice-Chair of Political Affairs shall also submit recommendations to the Executive

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Board, including those regarding endorsements the process for the endorsement of

Democratic candidates. The Vice-Chair of Political Affairs shall endeavor to keep the membership informed on relevant political activities. The Vice-Chair of Political Affairs shall also be responsible for identifying political issues of particular concern to the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus.

The Vice-Chair of Jewish Outreach shall maintain contact with Jewish organizations and shall hold responsibility for identifying the Jewish aspect in organizational endeavors. The Vice-Chair of Jewish Outreach shall also be responsible for identifying trends in the Jewish community of particular concern to the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus.

The Parliamentarian shall interpret these bylaws and rule on matters of parliamentary procedure at all YDAJC meetings.

Each Regional Director shall be the chief organizing officer of their respective region of the country. The Regional Director shall proactively recruit members, regularly inform their region of political activities, and aid in the development and retention of chapters. Each regional director must be from the region to which he/she is appointed to represent.

Section 3 Election of Officers

All elected officers shall be elected at the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus meeting at the National Convention of the Young Democrats of America held biannually.

The Chair, Executive Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair of Political Affairs, Vice-Chair of Jewish Outreach, and Parliamentarian shall be elected by the entire membership of this organization at the National Convention in the order listed.

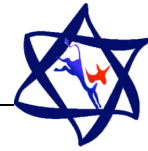
An unsuccessful candidate for an officer position may be elected for any remaining officer position provided they meet all requirements as stipulated by these By-laws. Candidates filing an “intent to run” with the Secretary more than fifteen (15) days before the election are permitted to send one email to the general membership of the organization. Candidates may announce candidacy from the floor. Candidates do not need to be present at the meeting to be elected if they have filed an “intent to run” with the Secretary by two (2) days prior to the election.

Section 4 Term of Office

Officers elected at the National Convention shall take office immediately.

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Every officer shall hold office until the next National Convention or until removed pursuant to Section 6 of this Article.

Section 5 Vacancy

Vacancy in any of the national offices shall be filled by a majority vote at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, which shall be summoned upon at least three (3) weeks notice.

Section 6 Removal

Any officer may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee contingent upon the following procedures;

Written charges shall be provided against the officer to every member of the Executive Committee at least five (5) weeks in advance of the meeting at which the removal shall be moved.

The officer shall be given the opportunity to answer said charges and to know the identity of their accuser(s). Notification by certified mail to all known addresses shall be deemed as an invitation to answer such charges and shall constitute sufficient notice.

A motion for removal, if passed, shall take effect immediately, at which time a vacancy shall be declared pursuant to Section 5 of this Article.

The excessive absence of an officer at properly noticed events of the Executive Committee shall create a vacancy in his or her office. At the close of the second consecutive event in which an officer has not submitted a written excuse for absence or submitted an officer's report, his or her office shall be declared vacant via dereliction of duty. When personal, academic or professional obligations prevent an officer's executive committee attendance, an officer may submit a written note and an officer's report prior to the next meeting directed to the chair, secretary or regional director as a sufficient excuse for absence.

ARTICLE VI NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1 Voting

All caucus members shall receive one (1) delegate vote.

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Any dispute over membership shall be resolved by an ad hoc committee appointed by the Chair for such purposes.

No proxy voting will be accepted.

Section 2 Procedure and Action

The Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus meeting at the Young Democrats of America National Convention shall have the power to amend these By-laws, adopt such resolutions as may be in order, and take such actions as may be appropriate and consistent with these By-laws.

Any report or resolution to be presented to the Young Democrats of America Jewish Caucus meeting must be copied in sufficient numbers as to allow each delegate one (1) copy.

ARTICLE VII STANDING COMMITTEE

Standing committees shall exist at the discretion of the executive board. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the Chair, under approval of the Executive Committee, and may be chosen from members of the Executive Committee as well as general membership.

ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee of this organization, which shall have all the powers and duties of this organization when the full membership is not in actual session.

Section 2 Executive Committee Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- * All National Officers and the Regional Directors of this organization and any other appointed officer.
- * The immediate past-Chair. (Designated as Chair Emeritus)
- * The Presidents from duly chartered chapters.
- * The chairs of all standing committees.
- * The chairs of all special committees.

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Section 3 Executive Committee Organization

Only the National Officers and the Past-Chair are voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of four (4) times per year.

The Executive Committee may convene in special meetings in the following manner:

- * At the call of the Chair and at such time and in such place as the Chair may designate, or
 - * Upon written request submitted to the Chair of five (5) or more members of the Executive Committee and at such time and in such place as they may designate.
- Notice of regular and special meetings shall be given by the Secretary. The Secretary shall send notices via electronic mail and, when electronic mail is not available, deposit the notices in the United States Mail addressed to each member of the Executive Committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of each meeting.

Section 5 Executive Committee Voting

No members of the Executive Committee may be entitled to more than one vote.

Section 6 Executive Committee Quorum

Fifty percent (50%) the executive Committee including four (4) National Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at an Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 Expenditures

Expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be subject to prior approval by the Chair. Expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be subject to prior approval by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 2 Reserved Powers

Subject to the conditions and limitations herein provided, the Young Democratic Jewish Caucus Chapters thereof shall be considered autonomous organizations.

Section 3 Quorum at general membership meetings

Seven (7) members of the organization (as defined under Article III) shall constitute quorum for any regular meeting of the organization, whether conference call or in person.

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ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS

Section 1 Amendment

These By-laws may be amended by majority vote of all the delegates accredited and in attendance at any National Meeting, or by two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Executive Committee Meeting. Any such amendments shall take effect on the first Monday after the adjournment thereof unless a specific exception is stated in the motion to amend.

Section 2 Notice

Notice to amend the By-laws shall be given fifteen (15) days prior to any Executive Board meeting at which such a change is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XI SUSPENSION OF THE BY-LAWS

Any section of these By-laws may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Executive Committee. A motion to suspend must identify the Article and Sections being suspended and may not suspend more than one article. This Article may not be suspended.