

## **Standing Rules of the Texas Young Democrats**

### **Rule 01-R-001 (Re: §2-204 of the Bylaws)**

The State Executive Committee shall be given the authority to revise §2-204 as needed depending upon the outcome of the proposed Consolidation with CDT.

### **Rule 01-R-002 (Re: §1-101(A&B) of the Bylaws)**

The Temporary and Permanent Credentials Committee Chairpersons shall be empowered to set standards regarding the electronic compilation of membership data as long as they consider the fairness and equal representation issues involved in these decisions.

### **Rule 01-R-003 (Re: §306 of the Constitution)**

The Permanent Convention Chairman shall consider the resulting diversity of the Convention Committee in making his assignments of Convention Offices.

### **Rule 02-R-001 (Re: §§ 402, 501, 503, 2-204, 4-404, 5-506, 5-509)**

The funds of the Texas Young Democrats as a non-profit association, as recognized under Texas law, shall come from the administrative account of the Texas Young Democrats. Any political expenditure shall be made by the Texas Young Democrats PAC. The PAC shall be the fundraising vehicle for the Texas Young Democrats. Any monies received by the Texas Young Democrats shall be used solely for the purposes of administering the organization. Any monies expended in a political manner shall be from the PAC. The Fundraising Vice-President, Treasurer, any appointed officers concerned with finance, and any Committee or Caucus of Texas Young Democrats concerned with finance, shall consult with the PAC board and general counsel concerning issues surrounding fundraising and expenditures.

### **Rule 03-R-001 (Re: § 307, and § 3-304)**

The Temporary and Permanent Credentials Committee Chairmen shall have the authority to decide primary and secondary memberships when not designated as required by § 202(b) and § 2-202.

### **Rule 04-R-001 (Re: § 2-204 of the by-laws)**

(a) The President of each Caucus must present a plan of activities for the caucus at every summer meeting of the TYD Executive Board for discussion and approval of the caucus plans. Likewise, any activity that was not in the original plan presented during the summer must go through approval from the TYD President.

(b) Under no circumstances will a caucus have a separate bank account outside of TYD. The Secretary of each caucus must coordinate with the TYD Treasurer on requesting funds for administrative purposes. The TYD Executive Committee must approve any request of the caucus.

(c) Any press releases or media advisories on events or issues must be approved through the TYD President. The President can amend, edit, and is the final authority on approval for any press release given from any caucus. The Chair of the caucus and the President must work together on any press release dealing with an important issue relating to their caucus.

### **Rule 06-R-001 Lost Prevention Rule**

Expenditures using Texas Young Democrats funds that total less than \$50 dollars must be limited to supplies necessary to the function of TYD as an organization. These include office supplies and postage. They do not include personal expenses. If at any time a TYD member uses their card for personal expenses, this individual must immediately reimburse TYD, with an explanation of what they used the fund for, along with the amount.

### **Rule 07-R-001 Signing of Contracts**

Any contract that is entered into on behalf of the Texas Young Democrats must be approved by the respective board from which funds shall be drawn.

## **Issued Opinions**

### Opinion 01-Op-001 (Re: Regional Redistricting)

It is the opinion of the Committee that the number of Regions should remain the same, 10 Regions. These regions should be redistricted in accordance with the following concerns:

- 1) They be aligned as closely as possible with State Legislature/Senate Districts
- 2) No District shall be excessively larger than any other District
- 3) Representation of the Districts will not be overly burdensome

### Opinion 01-Op-002 (Re: §701 of the Constitution)

It is the opinion of the Committee that Regional Directors may serve in both capacities as the Regional Director for their respective Regions and as the Judicial Committee Member from their Region.

### Opinion 03-Op-001 (Re: Primary Membership Designations)

It is the opinion of the Committee that the signature of membership that is last in time dictates primary membership for delegate apportionment purposes.

### Opinion 06-Op-001 (Re: Removal of Presidential Appointments)

It is the opinion of the Committee that this section applies to any member appointed into a committee that is not specified by the bylaws.