

# **California College Republicans Constitution**

## **Article I. Name and Representation**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the California College Republicans, herein also referred to as “CCR” and as “the organization.”

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall not allow this name to be associated with any campaign or political cause without the approval of a simple majority.

## **Article II. Objectives**

Section 1: The organization’s objectives are:

- a. To contribute to the growth and influence of the Republican Party on university and college campuses in California;
- b. To serve as a liaison between Republican College Students, Republican campaigns, and other Republican organizations;
- c. To work for the election of Republican nominees for public office;
- d. To train future leaders for service in local, state, and federal government;
- e. To promote good government at all levels.

## **Article III. Membership Requirements**

Section 1: The organization shall consist of all Republican clubs at California colleges, universities, or other higher education institutions which meet the requirements of this article.

Section 2: Members of clubs under CCR (herein referred to as “CCR Clubs”) must be students, faculty, staff, or spouses thereof, at the campus of the CCR club. All members must be registered Republican voters unless they are ineligible to register, in which case a statement of intent to register Republican upon becoming eligible shall suffice. No one may be a member of more than one CCR club at any given time.

Section 3: There shall be only one CCR club on each campus at one time.

Section 4: A Republican club at any California college or university shall be a CCR club in good standing once it has been chartered by the Senate Credentials Committee or credentialed at the state Annual Convention.

Section 5: All chapter charters for CCR clubs given out are to remain permanent unless by explicit revocation by the appropriate power under this constitution. If a club ceases to exist for any period of time exceeding 30 days, the Senate Credentials Committee shall immediately rescind their charter.

Section 6: Discrepancies in the materials of any charter will be handled by the Senate Credentials Committee. The Judicial Board of CCR shall hold appellate power over all cases brought before the Senate Credentials Committee.

Section 7: The CCR Senate or the General Assembly may revoke a club's charter for good cause, provided with the following procedures.

- a. All motion(s) to revoke a club's charter is submitted to the Chairman, the Recording Secretary, the Judicial Board, and the Officers of the club against whom the motion was made, not less than 10 days before a meeting at which the motion may be voted on;
  - i. The statute of limitations specified in this provision may be reversed, upon good cause, by the Judicial Board or General Assembly by a 3/4th vote;
- b. To revoke a club's charter, the motion must obtain a 3/4th vote from either the Executive Committee, Senate, General Assembly, or by injunction from the Judicial Board;
- c. The Presiding Officer of the club whose charter is to be revoked, and 2 other representatives appointed by the Presiding Officer, are afforded a right to speak for a reasonable period of time at the meeting in which the revocation is to be considered;

Section 8: The General Assembly may overturn any charter ruling by a 3/5th vote, and provide admission for that charter's proposed delegates to the General Assembly by a majority vote.

#### **Article IV. Legislative Authority**

Section 1: CCR shall have two governing legislative authorities: The CCR General Assembly and the CCR Senate.

Section 2: All qualified members found under Art. III of this constitution are eligible to be members of either or both branches.

Section 3: The CCR General Assembly shall be empowered to elect officers of the Executive Board, pass constitutional amendments as described by the procedures of this constitution, and have the final authority on all decisions of CCR brought before it. The General Assembly shall meet at every CCR convention, at least annually.

Section 4: Membership of the General Assembly is determined by chartered CCR clubs and the Executive Committee as described in this provision. All chartered CCR clubs are entitled to three voting delegates for their first twenty members, or fraction thereof, and one additional voting delegate for each ten members, or fraction thereof, above the original twenty members. The General Assembly shall be open to all members of CCR clubs, but the privilege of making motions and voting shall be limited to accredited delegates. All Executive Committee members shall automatically be accredited delegates to the General Assembly, if appearing in person or by proxy, but they shall not be counted as delegates from their respective CCR clubs. Each CCR club may provide a method for selecting General Assembly delegates and proxies in its constitution or bylaws. If no method is provided therein, the presiding officer listed on the club's charter shall appoint all delegates and proxy-holders. Delegates must be qualified members of the CCR club they represent. No delegate may carry more than one proxy at a time. The Chair of the General Assembly shall be the CCR Chair, and the Chair shall appoint the necessary auxiliary staff to assist in the function of the convention.

Section 5: Proxy voting shall be allowed on the basis of one proxy vote for each accredited delegate present, up to the accredited strength of the delegation. Proxies may be issued by any member of a CCR club to any member of the same club, in accordance with the club's constitution or bylaws. Proxies may be transferred from one delegate to another within a club's delegation. Executive Committee members may proxy their votes to members of their CCR clubs or to other Executive Committee members. Executive Committee members shall not be counted in the determination of the number of proxies allowed to any club.

Section 6: A list of the delegates and proxies from each CCR club shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary of the Senate Credentials Committee or filed at the General Assembly Registration Desk no later than 12:00 noon on the second day of registration for the General Assembly. The General Assembly may not be held before this deadline, although program sessions and committee meetings may be held. Each CCR club may also submit a list of alternates which indicates the precise order in which they shall assume the place of absent delegates. Alternates shall be

considered Convention guests for all purposes until they fill the position of absent delegates, except that if the General Assembly registration fees for guests are lower than the fees for delegates, then an alternate must pay the difference upon assuming the place of an absent delegate.

Section 7: Registration shall close at the opening of the General Assembly, unless reopened by a majority vote of the Convention. To register as a delegate, a CCR club member must present a valid student, faculty, or staff identification, or a spouse's identification (or copy thereof).

Section 8: Each delegate and each voting Executive Committee member shall have exactly one vote, not including proxies. Each chartered CCR club shall have one vote on each committee and the committee chairman shall vote only to break a tie. Each CCR club chairman may designate a certain delegate to represent the club in each committee. In the absence of such a designation, the committee chairman shall determine which delegate may vote if more than one delegate is present from a club. There shall be no quorum requirement for committee meetings at General Assembly Conventions, provided that the time, place, and nature of each meeting are publicized to all CCR clubs. Quorum for the transaction of business in the General Assembly shall be attained by the presence of a majority of the registered delegates. Once attained, quorum shall remain in effect for the duration of the Convention.

Section 9: The General Assembly shall hold an annual convention, herein also referred to as "the Convention," in March or April for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may be brought before it. The Convention may be postponed by the Executive Committee with approval from a judicial injunction for good cause (such as hotel cancellations).

Section 10: The Executive Committee shall select the site of the Convention by majority vote. The site shall alternate among the geographical areas of Northern and Southern California. Northern California is defined as the counties represented by the Northern Vice Chairman, Capitol Region Vice Chairman, Bay Area Vice Chairman, and Central Valley Vice Chairman. Southern California is defined as the counties represented by the Central Coast Vice Chairman, Southern Vice Chairman, Los Angeles Area Vice Chairman, and San Diego Vice Chairman. Any CCR club or group of CCR clubs within the appropriate Region may submit a bid to host the Convention. If no club within the appropriate Region submits a bid by the end of the calendar year, then the Executive Committee may consider bids submitted by clubs from other Regions.

Section 11: All Convention bids must include an estimate of the registration fees to be charged, along with other particulars such as hotel room rates, facilities available, and nearby public transportation. The registration fee charged for proxies shall be the same as that charged for delegates. The actual registration fee charged at the Convention shall not exceed the approved estimate by more than two dollars per delegate or proxy. The Executive Committee shall make provisions for sharing the profits (or losses) from the Convention at the time the site is selected, but in no case shall the organization receive less than fifty percent of the profits.

Section 12: All legislative authority, including the drafting of bylaws, committees, and the approval of all budgetary measures, shall be governed by the CCR Senate, herein referenced to as "The Senate," composed of the following voting members:

- a. The President of the Senate, appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Senate, shall act as Presiding Officer;
- b. Secretary of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and approved by the Senate, shall act as recording secretary of the Senate;
- c. A Representative, selected by each chapter's presiding officer, from each chapter chartered with the California College Republicans. Chapter chairs will be considered default representatives upon chartering with CCR unless specified otherwise by the chapter chair.

Section 13: Representatives selected by chapters under section 12 of this article may proxy their board vote to another member of the Senate or qualified member of a California College Republicans Chapter. Proxies must be delivered and received by the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. If the member who issued the proxy is present during the meeting, the proxy is automatically void. A valid proxy must include the following:

- a. Name of the person receiving the proxy;
- b. The name of the chapter the voting member represents;
- c. The dated signature of both the voting member and person receiving the proxy;
- d. The date of the meeting(s) for which the proxy is to remain active;

Section 14: The Senate shall, in addition to other proposals and described duties, behold the power to:

- a. Adopt an annual budget as proposed by the Chairman and set expenditure procedures by a majority vote. Until a budget is adopted, the Executive Committee may make expenditures with a unanimous vote. The Senate, upon

a 2/3rd vote, may adopt a restriction procedure in the bill adopting the annual budget to freeze certain earmarked funds to prohibit the Executive Committee from modifying their use.

- b. Create or abolish committees and appoint committee members by a majority vote. A committee's purpose and scope of its authority must be established at the time of its creation. The President of the Senate shall have the right to appoint all committee chairmen subject to the approval of a majority of the Senate. No member shall serve on more than one committee during the given term.

Section 15: The Senate shall meet at least once a calendar year for a total of at least two meetings during its term of office. Meetings shall be called by the President of the Senate or by a majority of the members of the Senate. The President of the Senate, or whoever calls the meeting, shall set the time and place for the meeting, provided that written notice is given to all voting members of the Senate specifying the time and place of the meeting. This notice shall be postmarked, faxed, hand-delivered, or transmitted via electronic mail at least seven days prior to the meeting. The Call to the Annual Convention shall serve as notice of the Senate meeting(s) at the Annual Convention site.

Section 16: The Senate may conduct meetings via internet messaging or conference call. Meetings held under the provisions of this section shall be called by the President of the Senate or by a majority of the members of the Senate. The President of the Senate, or whoever calls the meeting, shall set the time and method for the meeting, provided that written notice is given to all voting members of the Senate specifying the time and place of the meeting. This notice shall be postmarked, faxed, hand-delivered or transmitted via electronic mail at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 17: The Senate shall create the Senate Credentials Committee, which shall create the necessary procedures for new potential CCR Chapters to petition for charters. The Credentials Committee shall also be empowered to have authority over procedures for the admittance of voting delegates during elections, as described in this constitution.

## **Article V. Executive Authority**

Section 1: To be qualified to hold a seat on the Executive Committee, herein also referred to as "the board," or "board." each officer shall be a member of a CCR club

in good standing and student of at least half time status at the time of his initial election or appointment. To run or be appointed for the Advocate General, a member must be a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Section 2: The Northern, Bay Area, Capitol Region, Central Valley, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Southern Region, and San Diego Regional Vice Chairmen must fulfill the requirements of this Article at a college or university within their respective geographical jurisdictions.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall consist of the following elected members:

- a. Chairman;
- b. Northern Region Vice Chairman;
- c. Bay Area Region Vice Chairman;
- d. Capitol Area Region Vice Chairman;
- e. Central Valley Region Vice Chairman;
- f. Central Coast Region Vice Chairman;
- g. Southern Region Vice Chairman;
- h. Los Angeles Region Vice Chairman;
- i. San Diego Region Vice Chairman;
- j. Recording Secretary;
- k. Treasurer;
- l. Advocate General;

Section 4: The Executive Committee shall consist of the following non-elected, voting officers appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee:

- a. Co-Chair;
- b. Executive Director;
- c. Communications Director;

Section 5: The Executive Committee shall consist of the following non-elected, non-voting officers appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee:

- a. Sergeant-At-Arms;

Section 6: The term of office for the elected and appointed officers shall extend from the adjournment of the Annual Convention at which they were elected, or the date of their appointments, to the adjournment of the next Annual Convention. The term

of office for all other officers shall be established by the Executive Committee, provided no term extends beyond the adjournment of the next election.

Section 7: The following shall be the respective duties of elected officers of CCR:

- a. The Chairman shall preside at all Conventions, Executive Committee meetings and meetings of the Senate. He shall be the chief executive officer and shall exercise general supervision over the organization's activities and officers. He shall design a budget and present it to the Senate for approval. He shall disburse funds in accordance with the approved budget. He shall coordinate the organization's activities with other Republican organizations and shall represent the organization in its relationship with the Republican Party. He shall appoint committee chairmen and other officers when appropriate, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of every committee. He shall have the ability to appoint, hire, fire, or reassign any staff as deemed necessary. He shall sign all checks prior to the disbursement of funds.
- b. The Northern Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in Amador, Alpine, Lake, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, Sierra, Glenn, Butte, Plumas, Tehama, Lassen, Shasta, Modoc, Mendocino, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Humboldt, and Trinity Counties. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
- c. The Capitol Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, San Joaquin, and Solano counties. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
- d. The Bay Area Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara counties. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
- e. The Central Coast Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in San Benito, Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
- f. The Central Valley Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Mariposa, and Calaveras

- Counties. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
- g. The Southern Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside counties. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
  - h. The Los Angeles Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in Los Angeles County. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
  - i. The San Diego Region Vice Chairman shall coordinate recruitment, organization, and other activities in San Diego and Imperial county. He shall establish new clubs in his Area, assist them in becoming chartered, and encourage and support existing CCR clubs in their activities.
  - j. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes at Board meetings, Executive Committee meetings and Conventions. He shall maintain the official records of the organization, including the minutes of past Board and Executive Committee meetings, Bylaws, resolutions, and a current Board roster. Unless another officer is designated by the Board or Executive Committee, he shall send out the call to Board meetings, Executive Committee and Conventions in accordance with this Constitution, and he shall act as Historian by collecting and maintaining newspaper articles, photographs, and other records of CCR state and local activity.
  - k. The Treasurer shall collect and record all money accruing to the organization. He shall deposit money paid to the organization at a financial institution in an account from which funds may only be withdrawn by a check signed by the Chairman. He shall maintain records of all transactions and shall report all expenditures and receipts to the Board and Executive Committee at least quarterly. The Treasurer shall issue a monthly cash flow report to the Executive Committee. He must make those reports available to any full meeting of the Board.
  - l. The Advocate General shall advise the presiding officer at the Executive Committee meetings and Conventions on matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure, this Constitution, or any subsequent Bylaws. The Advocate General shall work with the Chairman and represent the Executive Committee and Chairman at all Judicial Board hearings or other legal committees. The Advocate General shall work with the Chair to ensure all legal documents, ethics, and other standards of the organization are adhered to. He shall work towards assisting the Chair in interpreting legal

documents, petitioning the Judicial Board for violations of the governing documents, and investigating ethical violations. He shall be responsible to make all governing documents publicly accessible.

Section 8: The following shall be the respective duties of non-elected, appointed, voting officers of CCR:

- a. The Co-Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman in the event of a vacancy in that office. He shall act for the Chairman in his absence and shall assist in his executive duties. He shall serve as an ex-officio member of every committee and shall report committee progress to the Board in the absence of a committee chairman.
- b. The Executive Director shall assume the office of Co-Chairman in the event of a vacancy in that office. He shall act as Chairman in the absence of both the Chairman and the Co-Chairman. He shall assist the Chairman in his executive duties as assigned, and act as the Chief Manager of any bureaucratic functions established by the chair or other governing body. Unless another officer is assigned by the Senate or Executive Committee, he shall coordinate statewide recruitment efforts, maintain a roster of chartered clubs, and assist the Senate Credentials Committee as requested.
- c. The Communications Director shall assist the Chairman in his Executive duties pertaining to the representation of CCR to the media. He shall be responsible for working with the Chairman to prepare press releases and statements, and act as the primary press contact if the Chairman is unavailable. He shall also maintain the CCR website and store, assist in maintaining the CCR historical archive of past administrations, and oversee the production of all graphics and digital communication for CCR.

Section 9: The following shall be the respective duties of non-elected, appointed, non-voting officers of CCR:

- a. The Sergeant-at-Arms, and any Deputies appointed by the Chairman, shall assist the presiding officer in maintaining order at all Board meetings, Executive Committee meetings and Conventions. He shall be responsible for monitoring and assisting with the registration process at Annual Conventions, unless otherwise assigned by the Board or Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for assisting the any branch of CCR in maintaining order at all meetings.

Section 10: The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly during its term of office. Meetings shall be called by the Chairman or by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman, or whoever calls the meeting, shall set the time and place for the meeting, provided that written notice is given to all voting members of the Executive Committee specifying the time and place of the meeting. This notice shall be postmarked, faxed, and hand-delivered or transmitted via electronic mail at least three days prior to the meeting. The Call to the Annual Convention shall serve as notice of the Executive Committee meeting(s) at the Annual Convention site.

Section 11: In the case that a region falls below two chapters, the state chairman assumes authority of the region, but does not cease the vote of the Regional Vice Chair. Once two chapters have been chartered the presidents of both chapters hold an election to elect a RVC.

Section 12: The Executive Committee will be responsible for making governing documents publicly accessible.

Section 13: The Chairman shall be granted temporary emergency powers:

- a. Beginning on March 2, 2019 and until the resolution of conflict with the so-called California Federation of College Republicans or the end of the 2019-2020 term:
  - i. Pardon violations of the ethics code under the CCR Bylaws;
  - ii. Veto legislation by the CCR Board of Directors, where the CCR Board of Directors has the power to overturn the Chairman's veto with a 2/3 majority vote;
  - iii. Approve, sanction, and establish funding accounts pending approval by the Executive Committee;
  - iv. Appoint, remove, and sanction action by established committees and their corresponding members;
  - v. Endorse and speak on behalf of the organization provided a vote of approval over a conference call through a phone service, Facebook messenger, etc., or through an in person meeting, provided timely notice;
  - vi. Recruit, expand, and fully staff committees as pending vacancies might appear;
  - vii. Establish special, standing, and ethics rules for matters internal to the Executive Committee;

- b. The Judicial Board shall maintain appellate authority to rulings by the Chairman, and no provision herein held shall intrude upon constitutional interpretations by the Judicial Board.

## **Article VI. Judicial Authority**

Section 1: The Judicial Board shall hold jurisdiction over arbitrating violations to California College Republican, or other related authorities and governing documents. This shall include the authority to investigate, hear, and rule upon member grievances that arise from violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, or other governing document. The Judicial Board may also advise the Executive Committee or Chairman on the legality of any document or action upon a formal written request by either.

Section 2: The Judicial Board shall be empowered to issue sanctions based on drafted rulings. Said sanctions may include, but are not limited to: changing the good standing of a member, censure, or reprove. These rulings shall be absolutely binding, unless appealed per the regulations outlined in this article. The General Assembly may overturn any ruling by the Judicial Board with a 2/3rd vote. The Executive Board may overturn the removal of good standing by a 3/4th vote.

Section 3: All members of CCR shall be eligible to appeal any ruling of the Judicial Board to review by Judicial Oversight Committee appointed by the Executive Committee by a signed petition of at least 2/3rd of the current presiding officers of CCR chapters. Appeals will be considered by the Judicial Oversight Committee and voted upon by a majority vote.

Section 4: The Judicial Board shall be composed of 5 permanent members. The Judiciary Committee shall also consist of 3 substitute members that can act in the place of an absent permanent member. Of the 5 permanent members of the Judicial Board, 1 member of the Judicial Board shall be designated, prior to his appointment, by the Chair, as the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice shall serve as Chair of the Judicial Board, and may appoint necessary staffers to assist him in his functions.

Section 5: All members of the Judicial Board shall serve for 3 terms from the original annual convention where they were appointed, with the final term expiring at the 3rd annual convention from the original convention they were appointed. If a member of the Judicial Board is appointed at Special Convention, their term shall

expire based on the nearest annual convention. Members of the Judicial Board shall hold their office, notwithstanding of this provision, in good behavior.

Section 6: Members of the Judicial Board shall be appointed by the last newly elected Chairman from an Annual Convention, and approved by a 2/3rds majority of the Regional Vice Chairs at the first executive meeting after the annual convention where the Regional Vice Chairs were elected. Appointments of Judicial Board members may only be approved at a Special Convention by a 2/3rd vote.

Section 7: Members of the Judicial Board may be removed a 2/3rd vote of the Annual Convention.

## **Article VII. Elections**

Section 1: The organization shall hold an Annual Convention of the General Assembly, herein also referred to as, “the Convention,” at the following year’s California Republican Party Convention.

Section 2: The Executive Committee, upon being unable to host the Annual Convention of the General Assembly, herein also referred to as, “the Convention,” at the California Republican Party Convention, shall select the site of the Convention by majority vote. The site shall alternate among geographical areas of Northern and Southern California of the last held convention that did not occur at the California Republican Party Convention. Northern California is defined as the counties represented by the Northern Vice Chairman, Capital Region Vice Chairman, Bay Area Vice Chairman, and Central Valley Vice Chairman. Southern California is defined as the counties represented by the Central Coast Vice Chairman, Southern vice Chairman, Los Angeles Vice Chairman, and San Diego Vice Chairman. Any CCR club or group of CCR clubs within the appropriate Region may submit a bid to host the Convention. If no club within the appropriate Region submits a bid by the end of the calendar year, then the Board may consider bids submitted by clubs from other Regions.

Section 3: All Convention bids must include an estimate of the registration fees to be charged, along with other particulars such as hotel room rates, facilities available, and nearby public transportation. The registration fee charged for proxies shall be the same as that charged for delegates. The actual registration fee charged at the Convention shall not exceed the approved estimate by more than two dollars per delegate or proxy. The Executive Committee shall make provisions for sharing

the profits (or losses) from the Convention at the time the site is selected, but in no case shall the organization receive less than fifty percent of the profits.

Section 4: The call to convention for the Annual Convention shall be transmitted by electronic mail (if an electronic mail address is available) or either postmarked or hand delivered at least thirty days prior to the first day of registration for the Convention and shall be sent by the Recording Secretary, or some other officer assigned by the Executive Committee for this purpose. The Call shall be transmitted by electronic mail (if an electronic mail address is available) or either mailed or hand delivered to all members of Senate. The Call shall include at least the following:

- a. The date, time, and place of the Annual Convention;
- b. The cost of registration for delegates, proxies, and guests (including the cost of late registration, if different);
- c. Accommodations information (including cost);
- d. A list of the requirements for receiving a charter for prospective chapters;
- e. A list of the requirements for accreditation and recognition of additional CCR club members (those who have joined the club since the last charter was issued);
- f. Deadlines for the return of all convention materials;
- g. The requirements for running for elected office, along with the mailing address of the Recording Secretary;
- h. The name, current address, phone number, email address, and title of the Convention Director and/or other persons to whom questions regarding the Convention may be directed;
- i. The time and place of the final Executive Committee Meeting;
- j. The time and place of the General Session.

Section 5: If there is more than one qualified candidate for any statewide office, balloting shall be conducted by a roll call of the voting Executive Committee members and the accredited delegations from chartered CCR clubs. Officers shall be elected in the following order: Chairman, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The Regional Vice Chairman shall then be elected by caucuses of the delegations from their respective Regions. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for any office, a run-off election shall be held immediately between the persons receiving the first and second highest vote totals. No person shall be elected to more than one office at any Convention nor shall two or more persons hold the same elected office simultaneously.

Section 6: All those wishing to become candidates for office at CCR convention must send written notice via certified mail to the CCR Secretary postmarked no later than 20 days before the start of general session. Those who miss this deadline will not be eligible for elected office at CCR convention. When the Secretary receives notice from a candidate he shall transmit notice to all Board members, and members of the Executive Committee. The Secretary will also ensure that at the time of registration each delegate is given a complete list of candidates for all offices.

Section 7: Section 6 of this article may be waived, on an office by office basis, by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance at a duly called CCR convention.

### **Article VIII. Vacancies and Removal**

Section 1: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman, the Co-Chairman shall assume that office and the Executive Director shall assume the office of Co-Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Co-Chairman, the Executive Director shall assume that office. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Executive Director, the Chairman shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term, subject to the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy in any other Board position, the Chairman shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term, subject to the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. The new officer must fulfill all Constitutional requirements for the office to which he was appointed.

Section 2: In the event of a simultaneous vacancy in the office of Chairman, Co-chairman, and Executive Director the remaining voting members of the Executive Committee will elect by majority vote and in writing an individual to serve as Chairman. They may conduct this election by phone, in person, email, or mail as long as it is recorded in writing and signed by all officers voting for the winning candidate. The remaining members of the Executive Committee will select a time and location for the meeting by majority vote. If the Executive Committee is unable to elect a new Chairman or no Executive Committee members remain the CCR Senate shall decide the next Chairman. If the CCR Senate is unable to do this within a 60 day period, the Chairman of the California Republican Party may appoint a Chairman to serve the remainder of the term. The elected or appointed

Chairman must satisfy all the requirements for holding office listed in this document.

Section 3: The procedure to impeach any member of the Executive Committee or the CCR Senate is:

- a. The impeachment charge must be submitted to the Chairman in writing. The Chairman will forward any impeachment charge to the defendant. The Chairman will act as the presiding officer found in section 3b of this procedure. In the case of impeachment against the Chair, the impeachment charge will be sent to a member of the Judicial Board, who will act as the presiding officer for the impeachment hearing found in section 3b of this article.
- b. The presiding officer will hold an impeachment hearing consisting of members of the Senate. The resolution of the impeachment shall include, at minimum, the impeachment charges and the impeachment manager that shall advocate for the case if the resolution passes. The Senate shall provide both the plaintiff and defendant ample time to present their case, at a maximum of 10 minutes. Neither cross examination nor any other procedure shall be in order at this time. The Senate will then vote to impeach the member. Any impeachment charge is passed by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

Section 4: The procedure to remove an impeached member of the Executive Committee or the CCR Senate is:

- a. The presiding officer found in section 3b of this article shall forward any approved impeachment charge to the Judicial Board.
- b. The Judicial Board shall hear the case of the impeachment charges in a formal trial. The trial shall, at minimum, afford each side to present for a minimum of 10 minutes. The Judicial Board shall hold discretion over the presentation of any witnesses or evidence, but shall provide ample time for both sides to participate in the examination of the evidence.
- c. The Judicial Board shall determine if the impeachment charge is factually correct. If the impeachment charge is factually correct, and consistent with the rules and procedures found in the governing documents of CCR, the Judicial Board shall remove the officer in question.

#### **Article IX. Affiliations, Adjudication, and Authority**

Section 1: This organization is voluntarily affiliated with the College Republican National Committee and chartered by the California Republican Party. CCR clubs may be affiliated with other Republican organizations.

Section 2: Disputes involving this Constitution or actions taken pursuant to this Constitution shall be resolved by the Judicial Board.

Section 3: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all disputed matters not specifically covered by this Constitution or subsequent Bylaws. This Constitution was drafted by Kimo Gandall in April of 2018, with subsequent friendly amendments provided by members of the Constitutional Review Committee, Panagiotis Frousiakis, Madison Marks-Noble, Drew Olbrantz, and Favian Fragoso. This Constitution supersedes all previous constitutions of the organization, all previous versions of this document, and it takes precedence over any subsequent Bylaws.

## **Article X. Rights of Members**

Section 1: No provision shall be made that restricts or prevents any specific member to run for office as described by the constitution.

Section 2: No member shall be deprived of his right to observe all aspects of the elections process as permitted by the constitution.

Section 3: No authority of CCR shall engage in any form of administrative retaliation upon the failure of a conviction from any impeachment or removal effort.

Section 4: No member or associate member shall be compelled in any case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of position, station, status, or other, without due process. No member or associate member shall be deprived of his right to seek redress for violations of CCR governing documents.

Section 5: The powers not delegated to the Executive Committee, Senate, or General Assembly, or other establishment of this constitution are reserved to the chapters respectively, or the members of those chapters.

## **Article XI. Amendments**

Section 1: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the accredited delegates present and voting at any convention. In order for a proposed amendment to be considered at any Convention, a copy of the text must be

submitted to both the Chairman and Recording Secretary at least thirty days before the first day of general session for the Convention, as determined by postmark, email time stamp or the date of hand-delivery. The Recording Secretary shall make copies of all proposed amendments available upon request to Board members and to the presiding officers of chartered CCR clubs prior to the Convention. Any member of a chartered club or any Board member may propose a constitutional amendment.

Section 2: Any constitutional amendment that would change the requirements for the chartering of CCR clubs, alter the method of selecting members of the Senate or Executive Committee, eliminate any non-vacant Executive Committee seat, alter any term of office, or change this Article shall not take effect until the adjournment of the next Annual Convention, unless approved by three-fourths of those voting.

## **Article XII. Nonprofit Statement**

Section 1: This is a non-profit organization.