

# Bylaws of the Lebanon County Young Democrats

## Article I – Name

The organization shall be known as the Lebanon County Young Democrats and may be referred to in this document as “Young Dems” or “LCYD”

## Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote local, state and national candidates as well as improve our communities. We will work to increase local level involvement and registered Democrats in Lebanon County.

## Article III - Authority

The Lebanon County Young Democrats shall act as an independent group and will be responsible for creating and upholding our own set of rules and agendas.

## Article IV – Membership - (Amended on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

### Section 1 – Qualifications

The Lebanon County Young Democrats shall consist of residents of Lebanon County who are between the ages of 14 and 40 years old. All Lebanon County residents who support Democratic candidates and goals are welcome - Democrats, Independents, Republicans, unaffiliated voters, supporters of other parties - and all are encouraged to join the Democratic party in order to fully participate in the Lebanon County Young Democrats.

### Section 2 – Terms for Officers

All officers shall hold their position for a term of one year. Every year we will hold elections for each of the following officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Section 3 - Vacancies

Any vacancy of any officer position shall be filled by a vote by the Lebanon County Young Democrats group. In order for the vote to count, there must be a movement to appoint and a second to approve the person for the officer position followed by a “yays” vs “nays” in which a majority of those present must be achieved in order for the appointment to become official. In the case of a tie, the President would cast the tiebreaking vote. In the event that there are not enough people involved in the group then the President would have the power to appoint a person to a vacant position on a temporary basis, as long as they fulfill the requirements to be a member.

### Section 4 – Membership Fees

There shall be NO membership fee to join the Lebanon County Young Democrats

### Section 5 – Removal of elected officers

If for any reason an officer is not upholding their duties nor attending meetings on a regular basis (exceptions can apply) then the Young Dems can move to have an officer removed, but must have good reason to do so. The President must be present during the vote and a minimum of 51% of those present must vote to have the officer removed from their position before their term expires.

## Article V - Meetings

The Lebanon County Young Democrats shall meet a minimum of once a month. More if needed for organizational purposes, or to help with special issues

## Article VI - Officers

### Section 1

There shall be elected a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer

### Section 2

Each nominee for an office shall be a qualified Young Dems person.

### Section 3

Where vacancies occur the President shall have the power to fill such vacancies with temporary appointments until the next regular meeting of the Young Dems. At that meeting, the Young Dems shall elect persons to fill such vacancies for the balance of the unexpired term in each case.

### Section 4

An officer may serve an unexpired term to which they were elected when there is a change of residence within the boundaries of the County of Lebanon.

## **Article VII - Duties of Officers** (amended August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

### Section 1

The Lebanon County Democrats shall consist of four officer positions. The position of President and Treasurer shall NOT be held by anyone under their specified age requirements, see Section 2 for age requirement per these positions

### Section 2

The President shall:

- Be at least 22 years of age
- Be the chief executive officer of this organization
- Preside at all meetings
- Have general and active management of all business of this organization
- See that all orders and resolutions of the Young Dems are carried out
- Have general superintendence and direction of all other officers of this organization and see that their duties are properly performed
- Be an ex-officio member of all standing Young Dems
- Appoint all committees, except as may be provided otherwise in these by-laws

The Vice-President shall:

- Fulfill the duties of the President in the absence of the President

The Secretary shall:

- Attend all sessions of the Lebanon County Young Democrats and act as a clerk therefore.
- Record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in a book for future record

The Treasurer, under the direction of the Young Dems shall:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have charge of the funds of this organization and shall deposit the same in the name of the Lebanon County Young Democrats in depositories designated by the Young Dems
- Pay all vouchers or bills properly attested by the President
- Make a complete and accurate report of the finances of this organization at each meeting of. The books of the Treasurer shall be submitted for audit upon written request of the President or of the auditing committee, but not more than twice per year

## **Article VIII - Elections**

A simple majority of those present shall be sufficient to elect an officer

## **Article IX - Endorsement of Candidates** (amended November 9, 2009)

As a group we will not "endorse" any candidate individually however we retain the right to openly support any candidate of our choice by assisting them with campaign related activities, however an official endorsement shall not occur.

## **Article X - Prohibition for Payment of Certain Filing Fees**

The Lebanon County Young Democrats may not use its funds to pay the filing fees of candidates for the offices of County Commissioner or Jury Commissioner

**Article XI - Amendment of By-Laws**

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Young Dems by one of the following methods: Anyone desiring to move an amendment to the rules shall prepare a copy of the rule to be amended, and with it a copy of the rule as it is to appear when amended, and have a majority of the Young Dems to approve and sign the same with a request to the President that said proposed amendment shall be submitted at the next regular meeting of the Young Dems

The President shall appoint a by-laws committee of not more than 5 members who shall study and recommend change, if any, to the President