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BYLAWS OF THE LAKE GEAGA YOUNG REPUBLICANS CLUB

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be called "The Lake Geauga Young Republican Club."

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**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES**

Section 1. The Lake Geauga Young Republican Club shall be an active and effective organization in promoting Republican principles and upholding the Constitution and Laws of the United States.

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Section 2. It is the purpose of this Organization to generate the interest of young people in the Republican Party and to encourage and assist young Republicans to run for political office and to prepare them for positions of leadership in the Republican Party.

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**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Full membership in the organization is limited to registered voters between the ages of 18-39 years of age with accepted application who present and maintain good standing.

Section 2. Acceptance of an applicant's membership being based on the criteria set forth in Article 3, Section 1 is achieved by a majority vote of the present membership at any scheduled meeting.

Section 3. Dues shall be set by the Executive Board at the November meeting, and then presented to the general membership at the December meeting. All dues shall and must be collected by January 15th of the New Year.

Section 4. Dues shall be paid to the Treasurer as stated in Article 3, Section 3.

Section 5. Full membership entitles a person to Club voting rights, Club office seeking rights and the right to participate fully at general membership meetings.

Section 6. Each member shall receive a roster of all members and a copy of the Organization's constitution.

Section 7. Individuals that are interested in Club involvement but do not meet criteria for membership may request an application as an associate member with voice in Club activities. An associate member may cast no vote nor hold any Club office.

**ARTICLE IV
CLUB OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be: the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

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Section 2. The President shall function as the chief executive officer and chief administrator. The President shall chair Club meetings.

Section 3. The President shall have the authority to appoint individuals to fill Board vacancies with the majority consent of the club membership present at a scheduled meeting when the vacancy is presented.

Section 4. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the case of absence.

Section 5. The Vice President shall chair the Board meetings.

Section 6. The Vice President shall act as a liaison between the membership and Board.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Club treasury.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall, and will, be in charge of all fund raising activities; the Board may appoint a task Chairman to perform fund raising activities but the sole responsibility shall rest with the Treasurer.

Section 9. The Treasurer shall report in January on an assigned date by the Executive Board, the financial condition of the organization in a written and verbal statement to the general membership.

Section 10. The Treasurer shall report each month to the Board the financial status of the organization.

Section 11. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting.

Section 12. The Secretary shall maintain the membership records of the organization and a complete and accurate mailing list.

Section 13. The Secretary shall maintain with the Treasurer a list of all donors to the organization.

ARTICLE V TERMS AND VOTING

Section 1. The term of office for each officer is one year. There shall be no limit on the number of times a member may serve. Terms shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

Section 2. Members may be removed from office if their conduct or actions are found to be unbecoming of the Club and its principles.

Section 3. Individuals shall present in writing to the President by the second Friday in November a letter or email of consideration for the office of choice.

Section 4. Voting shall take place on during the regularly scheduled November meeting by full membership standing. Associate members shall and may be authorized by the President to monitor the election.

Section 5. The ballot shall be a secret ballot.

Section 6. In the event of a tie between two candidates, the flip of a coin shall determine the winner.

Section 7. Further guidance in the election process shall be determined by the recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held on a regular basis as set by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President if deemed necessary by the majority of Officers.

Section 3. Meeting shall start properly on time based on a time determined by the Board.

Section 4. The most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable.

Section 5. In the absence of a copy of Roberts Rules of Order a parliamentary ruling by the presiding officers shall be binding until presented to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees shall be created and dissolved as recommended by the Executive Board and approved by a majority of the membership.

Section 2. The President shall assign a full member to act as Chairman to said Committee. Chairmen shall give a verbal report at each meeting until that Committee has fulfilled or completed its task.

ARTICLE VIII ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1. The Club shall not make endorsement of candidates for public office at or before any primary elections or convention when there is more than one Republican candidate seeking office.

ARTICLE IX EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Board of the Lake Geauga Young Republican Club shall be composed of all officers in the Club. The membership shall also appoint one additional member to serve as the Club's Trustee. Appointment shall be by a majority

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Section 2. Consideration for the Trustee position shall be given to former Presidents or senior members, if former Presidents decline.

Section 3. In the event any Officer is to be removed from office as stated in Article 5, Section 1, the Trustee shall assure that the removal shall follow the requirement set forth in the most recent edition of the Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 4. The Trustee shall assign the vacant position or call for a special vote. Voting procedure shall follow Article 5, Section 4, and Section 3.

Section 5. The Trustee may guide the actions of the Board. The Board shall have the responsibility of general supervision of the affairs of the Club.

Section 6. Any action of the Executive Board shall and can be retracted by the general membership if an action is challenged by any member.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Upon proposal by two thirds of the general membership, amendments to the Constitution shall be presented to the Club membership for consideration.

Section 2. Amendments shall be sent to the Club membership for consideration by the publication in consecutive newsletters following the proposal of the amendment.

Section 3. A Club meeting shall be called for the month following the recent publication of the proposed amendment.

Section 4. Three-fourths of the full membership present at said meeting shall be required for adoption of the amendment.