

Preamble

This association of Teen Democrats in the state of North Carolina is formed for the purpose of coordinating efforts and promoting the interest of Teen Democrats in this county by interclub relations and functions with assistance of the other Democratic auxiliary groups in Wake County.

Article I □ The name of this organization shall be the “Wake County Association of Teen Democrats.”

Article II The purpose of this organization shall be:

Section 1. To encourage young people to learn and live the principles and ideals of the Democratic Party

Section 2. To actively support and promote Democratic nominees and programs.

Section 3. To help educate young people as future citizens and leaders.

Section 4. To help insure that the Democratic Party shall continue to legislate and administrate for the welfare of all the people.

Section 5. To organize into one association of Teen Democrat clubs in this county.

Section 6. To hold countywide meetings at least 4 times a year the purpose of conducting business, promoting unity among the clubs of the county, and discussing matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Teen Democrat Clubs in this county.

Section 7. The business of the Executive Board between county conventions shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. Meetings of the committee shall be called by the President or by a petition of a majority of the members at the committee.

Section 8. To exchange ideas and experiences, to encourage fellowship among the members, and to render every service possible to the Democratic Party.

Article III

Powers

This association shall possess no legislative or judicial powers except to provide regulations for the conduct of its own affairs.

Article IV

Policy

Section 1. This organization shall not endorse or support the candidacy of any person for public office prior to nomination by the Democratic Party, or in any manner give its

influence as an organization to the cause of any candidate or faction of the Party in any campaign or inter-party controversies. Individual members, however, may engage in such campaigns and controversies.

Section 2. This organization shall support actively the nominees of the Democratic Party in national, state, and local elections; it shall conduct a vigorous campaign in order that it may contribute continuously to the growth and influence of the Democratic Party.

Article V

Membership of Clubs

Section 1. The membership of this association shall be comprised of all Teen Democrats Clubs within Wake County duly chartered in good standing with and bearing true allegiance to the Democratic Party and in good standing with this association.

Section 2. Clubs shall charter with the County Association by submitting a membership roster to the Executive Board of the County Teen Democrats. Clubs should also submit chartering information to be determined by the Executive Board of the County Teen Democrats.

Section 3. Clubs having the qualifications set forth in Article V, Sections 1 and 2, shall be admitted to membership upon gaining approval from the Teen Democrats Executive Committee and payment of any necessary dues.

Article VI

Individual Membership

Section 1. There may be three classes of membership in the Wake County Association of Teen Democrats: active, at-large and honorary. All persons must profess allegiance to the principles and ideals of the Democratic Party in order to be eligible for the membership.

a. To be eligible for active membership of this association, a person must be a member of a local club.

b. To be eligible for honorary or at-large membership of this association a person must be from a school with no club. The at-large members shall carry all rights of active membership, except that during business sessions of this association the at-large member may not be permitted the allocation of school votes. □

c. To be eligible for honorary membership of this association or local clubs, a person must have rendered service of outstanding character to the association. Honorary membership shall be granted by majority vote of the Executive Committee. They shall carry all rights of active membership, except that honorary members may not vote or hold office in Wake County Teen Democrats. □

- d. Section 2. Teen Democrats shall be from thirteen through nineteen years of age.
- e. Section 3. Any members may be expelled by a three-fourths vote of the governing body of a local club for disloyalty to the Democratic Party, failure to support the Democratic Party, or for any conduct that is criminal or degrading in character. Any member expelled by his/her club shall have the right of appeal to the County Executive Committee, whose action, determined by a three-fourths vote, is final.

Article IX

Elections and Officers

Section 1.

•President

- The president may establish task forces and committees
- The president may appoint members to task forces and committees
- The president may make appointments to the following offices if they become vacant, all appointments are subject confirmation of the Executive Committee
 - Vice President
 - Director of Outreach
 - Secretary
- The President shall serve as chair of all elections at the annual county convention
- The President shall serve as chair of the Executive Council
- The President shall serve as chair of the Executive Committee
- Prepare a meeting agenda to be released an hour before all conference calls.
- The President and Vice President shall be jointly responsible for programming socials, trips, debates and other events that WCATD puts on or sponsors.

•Vice President

- The Vice President will aide the President in the event the President leaves office
- The Vice President shall be responsible for updating the website with new information.
- The Vice President will serve as chair of any standing committee required by the WCATD constitution.
 - The Vice President shall serve as the co-chair of the Rules Committee

•Director of Outreach

◦The Director of Outreach is responsible for helping to recruit new members for the organization and setting goals for where membership will be from year to year. The Director of Outreach will be responsible for helping local chapters come up with strategies for recruiting new members. The Director of Outreach shall be responsible for updating social media and sending reminders out to the club via e-mail, text, or otherwise.

▪Secretary

◦The Secretary is responsible for taking attendance on all conference calls, and for keeping minutes of what happens on the conference calls.

◦The secretary shall take attendance in all formal gatherings of WCATD events. Including the county convention and SEC meetings.

◦The secretary shall provide the Vice President with the attendance of the members on all conference calls and special county sponsored events within 24 hours of the events taking place.

◦The Secretary will be responsible for providing all materials necessary for elections and county conventions including but not limited to: ballots, copies of agendas, and proposed amendments. Any member may submit an amendment to the bylaws if it is submitted to the Secretary at least one week before the next County Convention.

•The President, Vice President, Director of Outreach, and the Secretary shall serve as members of the Executive Board

Section 2.

Election of state officers shall be conducted at the annual state spring convention. At least two weeks prior to the state convention, anyone desiring to run for a state office shall declare his/her candidacy in writing to the NCATD State Executive Committee, providing the following: name, age, year in school, office being sought, prior Teen Democrats offices, activities, and a brief description of why he/she is running. At the convention, this information regarding all declared candidates shall be distributed to every chartered club. Anyone may also be nominated from the floor of the annual convention upon a petition signed by at least 30% of the registered delegates at the convention.

Article X

Finance

Section 1. The Wake County Association of Teen Democrats County Executive

Committee shall prepare a budget.

Section 2. The registration fee of all county conventions shall be set by the County Executive Committee.

Article XI

Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the qualified delegates at any County Convention.

Article XII

Ratification

Section 1. This Constitution is ratified upon acceptance by the Teen Democrats Convention and becomes effective upon its acceptance.

Section 2. This Constitution shall supersede any constitution which may previously have been adopted.

Section 3. This Constitution shall overrule any local constitution.

Amendments

I. Voting Procedures

Article I. Each candidate that has caucused will receive two minutes speaking time in front of the body to describe their background, experience, qualifications, and vision for the Wake County Association of Teen Democrats. After all candidates have spoken, we will move into elections. The Credentials Committee will count the votes and return to announce the winner. The winner will be the candidate who receives the simple majority of the votes.

Article II. If no majority has been reached by the first ballot, the candidate with the least amount of votes will be eliminated from the second round of balloting.

Article III. If there happens to be a tie for last place, a run off will be held to decide who will be eliminated, votes will be cast for those who the delegates want to STAY on the ballot, not eliminate.

Article IV. If one loses their election, they may drop down to run for another position on Executive Board. However, they will only receive one minute speaking time in their next race. The race that they enter next must be predetermined and reported to the Credentials Committee and Secretary prior to the beginning of the first election. Each candidate may choose two (2) other positions to run for.

Article V. A candidate may be nominated off the floor to run for any position other than President with a simple nomination and second.

II. Updated Roles

Article I. If $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Executive Board feels that a board member is not doing their job to their fullest ability or excessively shirking responsibility, they shall be able to vote out said board member.

Article II. All members may only be part of two committees. Any member may only be the head of one committee.

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