

**VIRGINIA YOUNG DEMOCRATS ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
Temporary Rules Report  
February 25, 2025 (Pending Adoption)

**STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION**

**Article 1**

Temporary Chair, Convention Officers

1. The President of the Virginia Young Democrats shall call the Convention to order.
2. The President (or their designees) shall be recognized as the temporary Convention Chair until the permanent Convention Chair is elected by the Convention. The President shall also designate a temporary Convention Parliamentarian until the permanent Convention Parliamentarian is elected by the Convention. The Secretary, or their designee, shall serve as the Temporary Convention Secretary until the permanent Convention Secretary is elected by the Convention.
3. The Temporary Secretary shall read the Call to Convention and shall include the entire Call in the minutes of the Convention.
4. The Report of the Temporary Rules Committee shall be provided to the Temporary Secretary and each delegation. This report shall govern the proceedings of the Convention until permanent rules are adopted.

**Article 2**

Order of Business

The order of Business shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Temporary Chair, Convention Officers
4. Report of the Temporary Credentials Committee - Temporary Roll
5. Report of the Temporary Rules Committee
6. Election of Permanent Convention Committees
7. Election of Permanent Convention Officers
8. Adoption of Temporary Rules Committee Report as Permanent Report
9. Adoption of Temporary Credentials Report as the Permanent Report
10. Reading and adoption of Constitutional Amendments
11. Reading and adoption of Resolutions
12. Election of Officers
13. Awards Presentations
14. Announcements
15. Adjournment

**Article 3**

Report of the Temporary Credentials Committee - Temporary Roll

The Chair of the Temporary Credentials Committee shall present a written or electronic report to the Temporary Secretary, and a verbal report to the convention delegates, a list of properly chartered chapters, including a vote total for each chapter, and a total convention

delegate vote. In the case that votes are deducted for non-compliance with any of the requirements of the credentials, an explanation shall follow the announcement of the vote for that chapter for each deduction. The convention delegates may raise any objections prior to moving any adoption vote to accept this report. In the event that the delegates do not accept the report of the Temporary Credentials Committee, the Convention shall stand in recess, and the Committee shall reconvene immediately, for a period of time not to exceed ten minutes, to amend its report. In this case, the report shall then be re-presented and re-voted on, repeating this procedure, until passed via majority of the voting delegates.

#### **Article 4**

##### Report of the Temporary Rules Committee

The Chair of the Temporary Rules Committee shall make available an approved report of the Temporary Rules Committee; each delegation chair shall immediately distribute the report to their delegates. The Temporary Rules Committee Chair may also briefly summarize the report to the delegation. The convention delegates shall vote on acceptance of the presented report. In the event that a majority of the delegates do not accept the report of the Temporary Rules Committee, the Convention shall stand at ease, and the Rules Committee shall reconvene immediately, for a period not to exceed ten minutes, to revise its report. In this case, the report shall then be re-presented and re-voted on, repeating this procedure, until passed.

#### **Article 5**

##### Election of Permanent Convention Committees

Permanent Rules, Constitution and Bylaws, and Credentials Committees shall be elected. A motion from the floor may be entertained to elect the Temporary Committees as the Permanent Committees. The election of each permanent committee shall be adopted by a majority vote.

#### **Article 6**

##### Election of Permanent Convention Officers

Nominations shall be taken for a Convention Chair, Convention Secretary, and Convention Parliamentarian. These positions shall be voted on in the order listed above. In the case of more than one nomination for any one position, a speaker for each candidate may address the Convention for up to two minutes. The election of the permanent convention officers shall occur by majority vote.

#### **Article 7**

##### Adoption of Temporary Rules Committee Report as Permanent Report

A motion shall be made from the floor to adopt the Temporary Rules Committee Report as the Permanent Rules. The adoption of the Temporary Rules Report shall occur by majority vote.

## Article 8

### Adoption of Temporary Credentials Report as the Permanent Report

A motion shall be made from the floor to adopt the Temporary Credentials Committee Report as the Permanent Credentials Report. The adoption of the Temporary Credentials Report shall occur by majority vote.

## Article 9

### Election of Officers

1. For any of the offices listed in this Article, **each candidate must submit their intention to run electronically at [VAYD.org/convention](http://VAYD.org/convention) by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025.**
2. Any challenge to the eligibility of a candidate in accordance with Article III of the Virginia Young Democrats Constitution must be made as a point of order from the floor as a point of order. Properly made challenges shall be immediately taken up by the Credentials Committee, which shall issue a recommendation to the Convention following its deliberations. No further convention elections shall be held until the Credentials Committee shall have issued its recommendation and the Convention shall have ruled on the pending challenge. The convention delegates shall consider the recommendation of the Credential Committee and rule on the challenge by a majority vote.
3. All elections shall be recorded electronically.
4. The candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner in each race.
5. Elections that are uncontested may be voted on *en bloc* by acclamation.
6. In accordance with Article III section 3 of the VAYD Constitution, the two National Committee Representatives must represent two different gender identities. Following the election of the first National Committee Representative, all National Committee Representative candidates representing the same gender identity shall become automatically ineligible for the second National Committee Representative position.
7. Four minutes total time shall be allowed for each candidate in contested elections. One minute shall be allowed for candidates in uncontested elections. Time may be divided among as many speakers as the candidate desires. The order of speeches by candidates for each office shall be determined randomly unless all candidates for that office agree otherwise.
8. Election of the statewide officers shall proceed in the following order:
  - A. President
  - B. Executive Vice President
  - C. Membership Director
  - D. Campaign Director
  - E. Political Director
  - F. Public Affairs Director
  - G. Finance Director
  - H. Secretary
  - I. Treasurer
  - J. (2) National Committee Representatives
  - K. Outreach Director

## Article 10

### Voting

1. Following the Convention Registration deadline, the Convention Organizing Committee will confer with the President of each chapter to identify that chapter's delegation chair. The delegation chair shall be the individual who intends to cast votes on behalf of their chapter.
2. All votes shall be recorded electronically.
3. Votes shall be allocated equally among the members of a delegation (e.g., delegates of a chapter with five votes and two delegates present would cast 2.5 votes each).
4. Electronic casting of votes will proceed in the following manner:
  - A. The Convention Secretary will prepare the digital ballots and provide access to the delegates.
  - B. The Convention Secretary will announce that voting is open and begin accepting digital ballots.
  - C. The delegates will submit their digital ballots, and those ballots shall be received by the delegation chair.
  - D. The delegation chair shall verify that the total number of ballots received and the summation of each ballot does not exceed the allocated amount specified in the Credentials Report.
  - E. Each delegation chair will submit the summation of the chapter's ballots to the Convention Secretary, along with notes of any issues, including resubmitted ballots.
  - F. The Convention Secretary will announce when voting is closed and stop accepting digital ballots.
  - G. The Convention Secretary will ascertain that no chapter attempted to cast more votes than they are eligible to cast based on the credentials report and number of delegates present voting. Chapters that overvote will be asked to clarify their vote.
  - H. The Convention Secretary will report and display the results of the vote.
5. Based on the membership totals in the approved report of the Credentials Committee, the largest 20 percent of chartered clubs shall each receive 20 votes, the next largest 20 percent of chartered clubs shall each receive 15 votes, the next largest 20 percent of chartered clubs shall each receive 10 votes, the next largest 20 percent of chartered clubs shall each receive 7 votes, and the smallest 20 percent of chartered clubs shall each receive 5 votes. The Credentials Committee shall ascertain which chapters fall within each classification based upon the Credentials Committee Report. Additional votes shall be allocated as set out in the Constitution for the performance of certain activities such as campaign activity, on-time chartering, participation in Council of Presidents conference calls, etc.
6. No chapter may impose a unit rule or required block voting by its delegates.
7. No individual delegate shall cast more than five votes. The surplus votes of any chapters without sufficient delegates to cast their apportioned amount shall remain uncast.
8. There is no absentee or proxy voting.

## **Article 11**

### Resolutions

For a resolution to be considered at the Virginia Young Democrats Annual Convention, the chair of the Resolutions Committee must receive it by no later than Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 11:59pm. The Permanent Committee on Resolutions, upon its election, must proceed to consider the report of the Temporary Resolutions Committee. The permanent chair of the Resolutions Committee shall present and thereby move the adoption of the committee's report concerning recommended resolutions to be adopted by the organization.

A copy of every proposed resolution, along with a short summary of each will be provided in writing or electronically to each delegation and the Convention Secretary. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee shall read the summary of each proposed resolution. Given the electronic nature of this convention, the report shall be voted on *en bloc*. Votes shall be taken in accordance with Article 10 of these rules.

## **Article 12**

### Constitutional Amendments

For any Constitutional and Bylaws Amendment to be considered at the Virginia Young Democrats Annual Convention, the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee must receive the proposed amendment no later than Friday, March 14, 2025 at 11:59 pm. The Permanent Constitution and Bylaws Committee, upon its election, must proceed to consider the report of the Temporary Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The permanent chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall present and thereby move the adoption of the committee's report concerning recommended amendments to be adopted by the organization.

A copy of every proposed amendment, along with a short summary of each will be provided in writing or electronically to each Delegation and the Convention Secretary. The Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall read the summary of each proposed resolution. The report shall be voted on *en bloc*. Votes shall be taken in accordance with Article 10 of these rules.

## **Article 13**

### Robert's Rules of Order

When not in conflict with these Rules or the Constitution of the Virginia Young Democrats, all proceedings shall follow the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

## **Article 14**

### Credentials and Floor Privileges

1. Credentials will be distributed electronically by the Convention Organizing Committee no later than Monday, March 24, 2025.
2. A member of a chartered chapter recognized in the approved report of the Permanent Credentials Committee is an accredited delegate to the Convention upon selection by their chapter and payment of the delegate fee as set by the hosting chapter.

3. Delegation chairs may represent the delegation on all matters regarding the proceedings.
4. Any delegate may make a motion(s) or votes on inquiries put before the Convention.
5. The Convention may be live-streamed simultaneously to the open public via [VAYD.org/convention](http://VAYD.org/convention).