

Bylaws of Volunteers for Freedom Tea Party

Article I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be Volunteers for Freedom Tea Party.

Volunteers for Freedom Tea Party will be referred to in this document as “the organization.”

Article II. Objects.

The objects of the organization shall be:

To support the education and edification of the citizens of the United States of America at the local, state and federal level, for the purpose of creating fair, constitutionally correct legislation.

To monitor, evaluate and respond to legislation proposed by our elected officials at the local, state and federal levels and to ensure that conservative values are incorporated into said legislation.

To support legislation to oppose federally funded abortion.

To support the right to keep and bear arms as provided in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

To support traditional family marriage.

To secure our borders and end illegal immigration.

To support the return to state sovereignty.

Article III. Officers.

Section 1. The elected officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

Section 2. In the year of an election, a nominating committee of three members shall be elected at the regular meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate, whose consent to serve has been obtained, for each office to be filled. Additional nominations shall be made from the floor.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years, except in the case of the officers elected on August 24, 2009, whose term will expire on August 24, 2010. A majority, consisting of those who attend the meeting, provided it is a stated meeting or one that has been properly called, shall elect.

Article IV. Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and such other duties as shall be ordered by the organization.

Section 2. The **President** shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the organization and of the executive board, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the organization.
- b. Be the chief executive officer of the organization.
- c. Appoint all committees except the nominating committee.
- d. Be ex-officio a member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 3. The **Vice President** shall:

- a. In the absence or inability of the president, perform the duties pertaining to that office.

Section 4. The **Recording Secretary** shall:

- a. Record the proceedings of the meetings of the organization and executive board.
- b. Be custodian of all records.
- c. Keep a roll of members of committees and of the organization.

Section 5. The **Treasurer** shall:

- a. Receive all funds of the chapter and deposit them in a bank as may be designated by the organization or the Executive Board.
- b. Disburse funds as directed by the organization or Executive Board, and no bills shall be paid unless authorized by the president.
- c. Give a financial report at each meeting. If absent, the treasurer must give a written report to the president, to be read at the meeting.
- d. Prepare the accounts for auditing before each annual meeting.

Section 6. The **Chaplain** shall:

- a. Conduct such religious services as required.
- b. Communicate, whenever possible, with members who are ill or in distress.

Article V. Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meetings of the organization shall be held monthly on Tuesday or as ordered by the president or executive board.

Section 2. The regular meeting in August shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and for any other business that may arise. Notification shall be made by phone or email.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president or by the executive board.

Section 4. The quorum shall consist of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.

Article VI. Executive Board.

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall constitute the Executive Board.

Article VII. Committees.

Section 1. A finance committee consisting of the treasurer and two members to be appointed by the president shall consider requests for funds and submit it to the organization for approval at the next meeting.

Section 2. Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the president as the organization may authorize or require.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this organization.

Article IX. Amendment to Bylaws.

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to members by email one week prior to the regular meeting. Unless otherwise provided prior to its adoption or in the motion to adopt, an amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Article X. Dissolution.

When it is necessary for the organization to disband:

Section 1. All debts of the organization shall be paid.

Section 2 Any property which has been loaned to the chapter shall be returned.

Section 3. A resolution shall be adopted designating that any monies remaining in the organization's treasury shall be donated to a charity as determined by the members of the organization.

Section 4. No money shall inure to a member or individual as specified in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.