

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

### Section 5

Members in good standing shall be those members who have attended at least one (1) previous **general body** meeting or other official Manhattan Young Democrats event ~~ie.~~ (e.g. a committee meeting, **happy hour event, panel discussion, etc.** in the previous calendar year) and have paid the annual membership fee, with exception of those cases of financial hardship, and are registered Democrats who either live, work, or attend school in New York County.

## ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Section 1

The officers of the MYD shall be as follows: President, ~~Executive~~ Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Those officers, along with chairs of standing committees and cabinet level appointments shall comprise the Executive Board of the MYD. ~~Assembly District delegates, liaisons,, the immediate past president of the MYD and any member of the MYD holding national or state office with the Young Democrats of America or the New York State Young Democrats shall serve as an Executive Board member as specified in Article III Section 3e.~~

b) The ~~Executive~~ Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of the President's duties. In the event that the President, due to absence, death, resignation, removal, or other reason, cannot fulfill the duties of the office of President, the ~~Executive~~ Vice President shall act as the interim President until such time as a permanent replacement **has been selected in accordance with Section 5 of this article.**

c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial records of all receipts and disbursements of funds of the MYD in accordance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations, ~~shall chair the MYD Finance Committee,~~ shall prepare and submit the required expenditure reports for the state and county Boards of Election, shall report all financial activity at each Executive Board meeting, shall keep all organizational financial records in balance, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President or the Executive Board. In the event that the President and the ~~Executive~~ Vice President, due to absence, death, resignation, removal, or other reason, cannot fulfill the duties of their

elected offices, the Treasurer shall act as interim President until such time as a permanent replacement **has been selected in accordance with Section 5 of this article.**

~~e) Any member of the MYD holding national or state office with the Young Democrats of America or the New York State Young Democrats who is not an elected officer of the MYD shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Board. Any immediate past president of the MYD who does not hold another Executive Board position shall also serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Board.~~

#### Section 5

**If there is a vacancy in an officer level position with less than 4 months left in the year, that position will be filled by a vote of the Executive Board at the meeting immediately following the announcement of such vacancy. If there is a vacancy in an officer level position with 4 months or more left in the year, then that vacancy will be filled by a vote of the general membership at the next possible general meeting, in accordance with the procedure laid out in Section 2 of this article.**

#### ~~Section 6~~

~~A vacancy in any other Executive Board position shall be filled by appointment of the President, subject to the confirmation by the Executive Board.~~

### **ARTICLE V – STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### Section 1

There shall be standing **and *ad hoc*** committees described in the bylaws, whose membership shall consist of members in good standing who have elected to be members of those committees. All standing committees, ~~with the exception of the Finance Committee,~~ will meet annually to elect a chair, which will be decided by a majority vote of members in attendance at that committee meeting.

#### Section 2

The President may, at his or her discretion and with the vote of the Executive Board, form ***ad hoc*** committees as are deemed necessary by the President or the Executive Board. **The chairs of these committees will not serve as members of the Executive Board.**

### ~~Section 3~~

~~The Finance Committee shall be comprised of the Treasurer, the Finance Director, the Development Director, and the Director of Special Events, and shall be responsible for coordinating all fundraising and membership building activities and events. The committee will be chaired by the Treasurer.~~

### ~~Section 4~~

~~Any Issue-Oriented Committees shall endeavor to learn how their issue affects MYD members, how it can be positively changed, and how MYD members can work to bring about the required change.~~

## **ARTICLE VI – LIAISONS**

### Section 1

The President shall **may** appoint, subject to confirmation of the Executive Board, the following liaisons to the Executive Board, who shall serve at the discretion of the Executive Board: College and University Liaison, High School Liaison.

## **ARTICLE VII – DELEGATES**

### Section 1

The President may appoint at the request of the Assembly member or Democratic Political Club from each Assembly district, subject to confirmation of the Executive Board, a delegate to represent that district as a ~~Member at Large~~ **Ex-Officio member** of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE II – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

### **Section 6**

**The general membership of MYD, by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at that meeting, may adopt resolutions. Such resolutions cannot be in conflict with or in contravention of the Constitution and By-laws of the MYD. Resolutions shall be**

non-binding. The procedure for such votes shall be established by the Executive Board prior to the meeting at which the vote takes place.

## ARTICLE VII – ~~STANDING COMMITTEES~~

### Section 1

~~The standing committees of the Manhattan Young Democrats shall be: the Finance Committee, Healthcare Issues Committee, Economic Issues Committee, Community and Social Equity (CASE) Committee, Environmental Issues Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee, Transportation Committee and Education Committee.~~ authorized each year by the Executive Board at the first Executive Board meeting following MYD elections. These committees are expected to be active the entire year. Standing committees automatically lose their standing following the next election of officers and must be re-authorized each year.

### Section 2

Ad-hoc committees may be formed or dissolved by MYD members at any time during the year. The chairs of these committees will not serve on the Executive Board. Notice of the formation of these committees must be given to the Executive Board. *The Executive Board reserves the right to dissolve any ad hoc committees that contradict the values laid out in this Constitution.*

### Section 3

Committees that are issue oriented shall endeavor to learn how their issue affects MYD members, how it can be positively changed, and how MYD members can work to bring about the desired change.

### ~~Section 2~~ Section 4

Committee chairs are to be elected by a vote of ~~paid~~ MYD members in good standing at the first committee meeting after the General Election. If for any reason the chair can no longer ~~chair the committee~~ perform his or her duties, a vote will be held at the next available meeting. A new committee can be established if 6 MYD Members approach the Executive Board with the intent to form one and are approved. The board will promote the first meeting of the committee, at which a Chair will be elected.

### Section 5

Standing committee chairs shall be required to attend all committee meetings and all Executive Board meetings. In the event that a standing committee chair cannot attend a meeting, a representative from the committee may attend in his or her place. Not attending these meetings will be grounds for dismissal of the chair.

### Section 6

A standing committee chair can be dismissed with a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.

### Section 7

A Standing Committee can be dissolved with a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.