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**Mission Statement: To facilitate the election of Republican candidates,**

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1 **Article - Name**

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3 Section I. The name of this organization shall be Christopher Newport University College  
4 Republicans (henceforth known as CNUCR).

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6 Section II. CNUCR Representatives shall be affiliated with the Republican Party of  
7 Virginia and shall abide by the guidelines established by said Party.

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9 Section III. CNUCR Representatives shall be affiliated with the College Republican  
10 National Committee and shall abide by the guidelines established by  
said Committee.

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12 Section IV. CNUCR Representatives shall be affiliated with the College Republican  
13 Federation of Virginia and shall abide by the guidelines established by said Federation.

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15 Section V. CNUCR Representatives shall be affiliated with Christopher Newport  
16 University's Office of Student Life and Activities and shall abide by the guidelines  
17 established by said office over Section II through IV above.

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19 Section VI. CNUCR Representatives shall not follow Section II through section V  
20 whereas Federal, State, or Local law in operating or visiting jurisdiction prevents  
21 such compliance.  
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## 23 **Article – Membership**

24  
25 Section I. Active membership in this organization shall be open to any interested, full or  
26 part-time degree seeking students in good academic standing at Christopher Newport  
27 University.

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29 A. Active members shall be required to maintain good academic standing and pay  
30 membership dues.

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32 B. Active members shall have the right to vote in general membership meetings and the  
33 right to run for office.

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35 Section II. CNUCR Representatives shall not permit the hazing of prospective or current  
36 members for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization.  
37 Members of CNUCR are free to leave or disassociate without fear of retribution or  
38 harassment CNUCR Representatives shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color,  
39 gender age, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.  
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## 41 **Article III – Membership Dues**

42  
43 Section I. Membership dues, in the amount of 10 United States Dollars shall be  
44 collected by the Treasurer from each member no later than one month after  
enrollment Newport University and CNUCR.  
46 in Christopher Newport University and CNUCR.

## 47 **Article IV – Purpose**

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49 Section I. The purpose of this organization shall be:

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51 A. To maintain an active college Republicans organization at Christopher  
52 Newport University by developing students.

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54 B. To bring students into the realm of politics and promote the political interests  
55 of the Republican Party of Virginia.

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57 C. To work for the election of duly nominated Republican candidates at the  
58 Federal, State, and Local levels.

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## 60 **Article V – Executive Board**

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62 Section I. The Executive Board (henceforth known as E-board) of CNUCR shall consist of  
63 a: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Director.  
64 E-board officers shall serve a term of one year, from the end of the elections  
65 meeting at which they were elected, until the next election meeting. All E-board  
66 members shall be required to have and maintain a cumulatively recognized GPA of

2.3<sup>1</sup>

67 by the Christopher Newport University Registrar<sup>2</sup> for the duration of their term,  
68 pay organization dues, and fulfill the duties of the appointed position.

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70 A. The Chairman shall preside over all E-board and general membership meetings,  
71 supervise the activities of the organization, act as a point of contact for the

College

72 Republican National Committee along with all members, and perform other such  
73 duties as may be required in the By-laws of the organization or resolutions of the  
74 E-board.

<sup>1</sup>Implies waiver of all students running for this club and the National College Republican organization to view your transcript and re-compute your GPA to a 4.0 scale if necessary.

<sup>2</sup>In event of departmental name change, refers to all Registrars, Assistant Registrars, and designated Administration delegated to similar positions by the approval of Christopher Newport University's current President, Vice President, or Board of Directors.

75 B. The Vice-Chairman shall preside over E-board and general membership meetings in  
76 the Chairman's absence, work alongside the Chairman as *necessary*, record

minutes

77 of all E-board and general membership meetings in the Secretary's absence,  
78 help the Public Relations Director plan and organize publicity for the activities

and

79 special events and perform other such duties as may be required by the By-  
80 laws of the organization or resolutions of the E-board.

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82 C. The Secretary shall assist the Chairman with all general correspondence of the

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83 organization, record minutes of all E-board and general membership meetings,  
84 maintain records of all meeting minutes and other organization documents, maintain  
85 a roster of all active members and pertinent contact information, and perform other  
86 such duties as may be required by the By-laws of the organization or resolutions  
87 of the E-board.  
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89 D. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues and maintain financial records of dues  
90 paid deposit all *funds* into an open account, provide an annual financial report of  
91 the organization's funds to the E-board and faculty advisor, supervise the financial  
92 condition of the organization, and perform other such duties as may be required by  
93 the By-laws of the organization or resolutions of the E-board.

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95 E. The Public Relations Director shall work alongside the Vice-Chairman to plan  
96 and execute publicity for general membership meetings and any special events  
97 and perform other such duties as may be required by the By-laws or  
98 resolutions of the E-board.  
99

100 Section II. The E-board shall be required to have E-board meetings at least once per  
101 month during the academic year. E-board meetings are mandatory for all officers,  
102 except in cases of illness or extreme excuses as validated by the Chairman.  
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## 104 **Article VI — Meetings**

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106 Section I. General membership meetings shall be held no less than twice per  
107 month. However, meetings may be held more frequently as necessity and as  
108 the E-board dictates.  
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110 Section II. Meetings that require a vote by the general membership (e.g. Elections,  
111 Amendments to the Constitution, adoption of By-laws, etc.) must have 75% of  
the 112 entire membership in attendance. These meetings must be announced by  
the 113 E-board no less than two days in advance. A 75% quorum will be  
deemed 114 un-necessary if three consecutive meetings are organized following  
the  
115 requirements above. The third meeting will require a 50% member quorum.  
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117 Section III. At *meetings* in which over fourteen people are present, parliamentary  
118 procedure according to Robert's Rules (current edition) will be used.  
119 Robert's Rules of Order will always be used up until Article VII has been 119  
120 satisfied at each meeting.  
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## 122 **Article VII – Meeting Agenda**

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124 Section I. Meeting agendas shall be the responsibility of the Chairman. The  
125 proposed agenda must be approved by a majority of members at the beginning  
of 126 each meeting.

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## 128 **Article VIII Right to Committees**

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130 Section I. Committees may be formed with a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of all present membership,  
131 and with unanimous approval of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

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133 Section II. Five committees automatically exist with the automatic inclusion of the  
134 Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman may also  
135 assign people to these committees without prior membership approval as  
136 necessary. These are:

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138 A. The Constitution & By-Laws Committee

139 i. This committee is hereby placed in charge of Constitutionality issues  
140 which cannot be resolved without administrative intervention.

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committee will work closely with the faculty advisor lithe committee  
142 is ever needed.

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144 B. The Fund Raising Committee

145 i. This committee is hereby placed in charge of fluid raising delegation and  
146 coordination of such events with CNUCR members, the Future  
147 Initiative Planning Committee, and the Treasurer. The Treasurer is  
148 automatically included in this Committee also.

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150 C. The Future Initiative Planning Committee

151 i. This committee is hereby placed in charge of future planning initiatives to  
152 benefit CNUCR and its initiatives.

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154 D. The CNUCR News Approval Committee

155 i. This committee is herby placed in charge of all club news releases,  
156 publications, and rebuttals/editorials. The Public Relations Director  
157 is automatically included in this Constitution also.

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159 E. The Membership Committee

160 i. This committee is hereby place in charge of developing resources  
161 for membership gain, and working with the secretary to make

sure all

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member contact information stays up to date.

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158 162 **Article IX — Election of Executive Board**

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164 Section I. The election of E-board officers shall take place during a general membership  
165 meeting within the month of April. The date of the elections meeting shall be announced  
166 by the E-board no later than one week prior to being heCollege elections meeting shall be  
167 run by the faculty advisor or by an active member who is not running for E-board office,  
168 as selected by a simple majority of the general membership.

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170 A. Any member wishing to run for an E-board position must be verbally nominated, either  
171 by another member or by himself, during the elections meeting

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173 B. Nominated candidates must submit the consent of the nomination for E-board positions at the

194 **Article X – Dismissal of Executive Board Officers**

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196 Section I. Grounds for dismissal of E-board officers includes, but is not limited to, severe  
197 dereliction of duties, receipt of an honor code violation, or being found  
198 guilty of criminal activity.

<sup>3</sup>A year is defined as a combination of any two semesters. This may be a combination of Fall & Spring, Spring & Spring, or Fall & Fall semesters.



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199 A. Motions for removal of an E-board officer shall be made in writing and submitted to  
200 Chairman. If the motion regards the Chairman, then it shall be submitted to the  
Vice-  
201 Chairman. The motion shall be brought to a vote at the next general  
membership  
202 meeting and shall be considered passed by a 2/3 approval of the general  
203 membership. The officer shall be dismissed immediately upon passage.  
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## 205 **Article XI – Advisor**

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207 Section I. There shall be one faculty advisor for this organization at all times.  
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209 A. This faculty advisor has the right to dissolve this organization if needed.  
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211 B. This faculty advisor has the right to grant quorum exceptions after one month.  
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213 Section II. The faculty advisor of this organization shall provide support, counseling,  
214 and guidance on the activities of the organization. The advisor shall confer with the  
215 E-board as deemed necessary and attend at least one general membership meeting  
per  
216 month.

## 217 **Article XII - Compliance**

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219 Section 1. This organization will adhere to the policies of Christopher Newport  
220 University and all Local, State, and Federal laws<sup>4</sup>. All by-laws of other organizations  
221 will be carried out where possible when at conferences, conventions, and on other  
222 University<sup>5</sup> campuses<sup>6</sup>.  
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## 224 **Article XIII — Amendments**

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226 Section I. Amendments to the Constitution may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the  
227 general membership. Proposed amendments must be presented in  
writing during a  
228 general membership meeting by either the E-board or by a petition signed by 50% of  
229 the general membership. The proposal must be made available for review by the  
230 general membership no less than one week prior to being brought to a vote.  
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<sup>4</sup>All Local, State, and Federal Laws will supersede the regulations of Christopher Newport University where required.

<sup>5</sup>Defines University as the campus Administration and its representatives.

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<sup>6</sup>All Christopher Newport University policy will supervene all other organization's policy where more stringent and vice-versa.

## 232 **Article XIV – By-Laws**

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234 Section I. By-laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution, may be adopted or  
235 amended by a 2/3 vote of the general membership. Proposed By-laws or  
236 amendments to the By-laws must be presented in writing during a general  
237 membership meeting by either the E-board or by a petition signed by 50% of  
the  
238 general membership. The proposal must be made available for review by the  
239 general membership no less than one week prior to being brought to a vote.  
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## 241 **Article XV – Ratification**

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243 Section I. This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a 2/3  
vote  
244 of the general membership and approval of the Christopher Newport  
245 University administration. The Constitution shall be made available for  
246 review by the general membership no less than one week prior to being  
247 brought to a vote. Upon ratification by the general membership, the  
248 Constitution shall be proposed by an E-board officer to the administration  
249 for final approval.  
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252 A. Turnover from the previous Constitution shall occur at the general  
membership meeting following administrative approval of this Constitution.