



**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH
SOUTHERN TROPICAL REGION**

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List of Terminology

Asefah – The two gatherings of the NFTY-STR General Board in an academic year. This is a meeting of the General Board to discuss official business

Brit Kehilah –NFTY’s Code of Conduct

Choveret Nohalei Asefah –NFTY’s Rules of Order, the procedural document for how NFTY General Board meetings are run

Madrich Hachlatot – NFTY’s Guide to Writing Resolutions, which has been assimilated into NFTY’s *Choveret Nohalei Asefah*

Netzer Olami –*Noar Tzioni Reformi Olami*, literally *Worldwide Reform Zionist Youth*, the youth movement of the World Union for Progressive Judaism

NFTY – The North American Federation of Temple Youth

NFTY-STR – North American Federation of Temple Youth – Southern Tropical Region

NFTY-STR General Board – The voting body of NFTY-STR, comprised of one voting delegates from each of NFTY-STR’s Temple Youth Groups

TYG – Temple Youth Group

URJ –Union for Reform Judaism, the parent organization of NFTY

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the North American Federation of Temple Youth - Southern Tropical Region (“NFTY-STR”), as empowered representatives of the Reform Jewish movement, in order to secure the existence in perpetuity of a vibrant and meaningful Reform Jewish youth experience based upon the principles of-

A commitment to God and Torah as a means of personal, emotional and spiritual fulfillment;

The unity of the Jewish people;

The support of the State of Israel as an anchor for the Jewish people;

The pursuit of *Tikkun Olam*

The ethical teachings of Reform Judaism;

The obligation of free choice through knowledge;

The need for *k'hilah* as a binding force for all Jews;

The obligation to the strength and survival of the Jewish people based on the realistic development of our past and present history;

The nurturing of self-expression and creative thought;

The mandate to work for social justice and equality for all;

The establishment of an ever-present community for the growth and spiritual enlightenment of young Jewish men and women;

The continuation of the tradition set out by our Jewish ancestors, and the furthering of that tradition for generations to come;

do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the North American Federation of Temple Youth Southern Tropical Region.

ARTICLE ONE: NAME AND AFFILIATION

Section A. This Federation shall be known as the North American Federation of Temple Youth - Southern Tropical Region, hereafter known as NFTY-STR.

Section B. This Federation is an affiliate of the North American Federation of Temple Youth, known as NFTY. NFTY is in turn the youth movement of the Union for Reform Judaism, known as the URJ.

ARTICLE TWO: PURPOSES

Section A. To provide an arena for the Reform Jewish youth of the Southern Tropical Region where they can pursue their personal, spiritual and ideological growth.

Section B. To create an organization based on friendship, trust, love and holiness.

Section C. To encourage in the membership a drive to pursue social action in an effort to repair the world of its ills and promote programs to present the opportunities to do so.

Section D. To take our place in the Jewish community as well as prepare ourselves for future responsibilities as adult members of society and the Jewish Community.

Section E. To work together to promote awareness of Reform Judaism through NFTY-STR's projects and priorities in conjunction with the NFTY Study Theme and the NFTY Action Theme.

- Section F. To unite the Reform Jewish youth of the Southern Tropical Region in a youth-run federation of youth groups so that we may cooperate and collectively benefit in the pursuit of our common aim.
- Section G. To make the moral and social values of our Judaism functional attributes of our daily lives.
- Section H. To foster an effective partnership with all Reform Temple Youth Groups (TYGs) in the Southern Tropical Region in promoting the ideals of Judaism.
- Section I. To reach out to and support all Reform TYGs in the Southern Tropical Region.
- Section J. To preserve and advance Jewish ideology, philosophy, and education within the structure of Reform Judaism.
- Section K. To study our Jewish heritage and tradition to forge our own individual and organizational Jewish personae through informed choice.
- Section L. To serve as the voice of Reform Jewish youth.
- Section M. To allow learned individuals carrying intrinsic aptitude an environment to advance their religious intellectual capabilities, keeping youth involved with the progression of our religious movement, and to help optimize present excellence in youth leadership within the movement.

**ARTICLE THREE: RELATIONSHIP TO THE NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
TEMPLE YOUTH**

- Section A. NFTY-STR shall be a “Regional Federation” in accordance with Article IV, of the Constitution of the North American Federation of Temple Youth which states: NFTY shall be organized into Regional Federations as outlined in the By-Laws of this Constitution. Article III, Section A. By-Laws of the Constitution of the North American Federation of Temple Youth states: The following shall be

the regions of the North American Federation of Temple Youth: ...NFTY Southern Tropical Region...

Section B. As a Regional Federation of NFTY, NFTY-STR shall therefore be governed by its constitution and by-laws in all matters not provided for by this constitution and these by-laws.

Section C. As a Regional Federation of NFTY, we affirm our parent-body's affiliations with Netzer Olami, ARZA, and the URJ.

ARTICLE FOUR: NFTY-STR REGIONAL AND GENERAL BOARDS

Section A. The NFTY-STR Regional and General Boards shall conduct the business of this Region.

Section B. The NFTY-STR Regional Board shall consist of, in ranking gavel order, the elected positions of President, Programming Vice President, Social Action Vice President, Religious and Cultural Vice President, Communications Vice President, and Membership Vice President. The NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, the NFTY-STR Regional Rabbi, the SEACCAR Youth Committee chair, the URJ South Region Congregational Network Regional Advisor and URJ South District Vice Chair for Camps, Youth, and Education serve as advisors to the region.

Section C. The NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, the NFTY-STR Regional Rabbi, the SEACCAR Youth Committee chair, the URJ South Region Congregational Network Regional Advisor and URJ South District Vice Chair for Camps, Youth and Education shall have advisory powers only. NFTY-STR's immediate past President, upon finishing his or her term of office, shall continue to serve as a Regional Board-Member-at-large with full voting power for one year.

Section D. The NFTY-STR General Board shall consist of the TYG President from each TYG, the NFTY-STR Regional Board, the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, The

NFTY-STR Regional Rabbi, any appointed General Board Members, and any life members of NFTY-STR.

- Section E.
1. The full-voting members of the General Board shall be the TYG Presidents from each TYG and all voting members of the Regional Board.
 2. In procedural voting for any Asefah, each TYG will have one vote. The vote will be cast by the voting delegate that is serving on the General Board for that Asefah. Each Regional Board member including the President will have one vote.
 3. In NFTY-STR Regional Board elections, each TYG will have one vote. The vote will be cast by the voting delegate that is serving on the General Board for that Asefah. Each Regional Board member excluding the President will have one vote. The President will vote only in the case of a tie.
- Section F.
- NFTY-STR will recognize General Board delegates based on their registration prior to a Board Meeting. A TYG may send a proxy delegate in place of the President. This proxy will be treated as a General Board member as the TYG President they are a proxy for would be. The presiding officer at any board meeting shall settle disputes regarding seating.

ARTICLE FIVE: DUTIES OF THE NFTY-STR REGIONAL BOARD

- Section A.
- It shall be the duty of the President to:
1. Represent the Southern Tropical Region as a voting member on the General Board of NFTY, and any other North American or Regional committee or board deemed necessary or appropriate.
 2. Call and preside over all NFTY-STR Board meetings and Regional Board meetings.
 3. Guide the NFTY-STR Regional and General Board in the proper execution of their aims and purposes.

4. Supervise the NFTY-STR Regional Board and take responsibility for all decisions made by them in their capacity as NFTY-STR Regional Board members.
5. Consult regularly with the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor.
6. Be directly responsible for the execution and implementation of the Constitution of this organization and any adjunctive rules.
7. Serve as a liaison between the NFTY Board and NFTY-STR.
8. Keep NFTY-STR informed about the North American level of NFTY.
9. Oversee the planning and preparation of the all NFTY-STR Regional Events.
10. Attend all NFTY-STR Regional and Bi-Regional events, if possible, or to appoint a representative Board member if unable to attend.
11. Educate NFTY-STR on Netzer Olami.
12. Maintain the NFTY-STR Presidents' Network.
13. Serve as a resource to all TYGs in the Region on all matters pertaining to NFTY and NFTY-STR.
14. Serve as a resource to all TYGs hosting NFTY-STR Regional events.
15. Serve as a role model for all members of NFTY on a local, regional, Bi-regional, North American, and international level, and to appropriately represent NFTY-STR to others.
16. Take on any additional duties, which may be necessary to fulfill any of the above responsibilities.

Section B. It shall be the duty of the Programming Vice President to:

1. Take the place of the President when so required.
2. Encourage participation in the Nilmad V'naaseh program in NFTY-STR.
3. Educate all members of NFTY-STR on the range of programs NFTY has to offer, and be a resource for materials and information on those programs.
4. Oversee the planning and implementation of the NFTY-STR Winter Regional programming.
5. Serve as a resource for TYG, Regional, and Bi-Regional Programming.
6. Assist the NFTY-STR office in compiling and maintaining a Program Bank.
7. Oversee and edit all written NFTY-STR programming.

8. Create and distribute information regarding the NFTY Study Theme and encourage implementation of the NFTY Study Theme at TYG, and regional events.
9. Maintain the NFTY-STR Programming Vice Presidents' Network.
10. Serve as a resource to all TYGs hosting NFTY-STR Regional events.
11. Represent the Southern Tropical Region as a voting member on the General Board of NFTY, and any other North American or Regional committee or board deemed necessary or appropriate.
12. Serve as a role model for all members of NFTY on a local, regional, Bi-regional, North American, and international level, and to appropriately represent NFTY-STR to others.
13. Take on any additional duties, which may be necessary to fulfill any of the above responsibilities.

Section C. It shall be the duty of the Social Action Vice President to:

1. Serve on the NFTY General Board, and as a liaison between NFTY and NFTY-STR.
2. Incorporate Social Action and the NFTY Social Action Theme on the TYG and regional level.
3. Keep NFTY-STR participants aware of the Jewish commitment of Tikkun Olam.
4. Oversee the planning and implementation of the URJ/NFTY-STR/NFTY-SAR Mitzvah Corps, Camp Jenny.
5. Implement a Social Action Project at Winter Regional.
6. Maintain the NFTY-STR Social Action Vice Presidents' Network.
7. Represent the Southern Tropical Region as a voting member on the board of NFTY, and any other North American or Regional committee or board deemed necessary or appropriate.
8. Serve as a resource to all TYGs hosting NFTY-STR Regional events.
9. Serve as a role model for all members of NFTY on a local, regional, Bi-regional, North American, and international level, and to appropriately represent NFTY-STR to others.

10. Take on any additional duties, which may be necessary, to fulfill any of the above responsibilities.

Section D. It shall be the duty of the Religious and Cultural Vice President:

1. Serve on the NFTY General Board, and as a liaison between NFTY and NFTY-STR.
2. Keep all members of NFTY-STR informed on various Religious and Cultural issues and the NFTY Study Theme.
3. Consult regularly with the NFTY-STR Regional Rabbi.
4. Oversee the planning and implementation of all worship at NFTY-STR Regional Events.
5. Serve as a resource for worship services and cultural activities for TYG, sub-regional, and regional events.
6. Maintain the NFTY-STR Religious and Cultural Vice Presidents' Network.
7. Oversee the NFTY-STR Regional Songleading Team.
8. Represent the Southern Tropical Region as a voting member on the board of NFTY, and any other North American or Regional committee or board deemed necessary or appropriate.
9. Serve as a resource to all TYGs hosting NFTY-STR Regional events.
10. Serve as a role model for all members of NFTY on a local, regional, bi-regional, North American, and international level, and to appropriately represent NFTY-STR to others.
11. Take on any additional duties, which may be necessary to fulfill any of the above responsibilities.

Section E. It shall be the duty of the Communication Vice President to:

1. Take minutes at all NFTY-STR Regional and Asefot, and publish them in a timely fashion.
2. Publish CHAI 5, the newsletter of NFTY-STR, at least four (4) times a year.
3. Supervise any staff writers for the CHAI 5.

4. Maintain the Communication Vice Presidents' Network.
5. Utilize media and social media for NFTY-STR.
6. Serve as a resource to all TYGs hosting NFTY-STR Regional events.
7. Serve as a role model for all members of NFTY on a local, regional, bi-regional, North American, and international level, and to appropriately represent NFTY-STR to others.
8. Take on any additional duties, which may be necessary to fulfill any of the above responsibilities.

Section F. It shall be the duty of the Membership Vice President to:

1. Serve as a resource to all TYGs in the Region on membership relative matters pertaining to NFTY and NFTY-STR.
2. Serve as the membership chair for the region, assisting local TYGs in implementing membership incentive programs for TYG, NFTY-STR, and NFTY, including but not limited to running mixers and New to NFTY programs at regional events, as well as encouraging outreach to participants before each regional event by the NFTY-STR Regional Board.
3. To identify the needs of NFTY-STR's membership and to address those needs, with the help of the Regional board and/or Regional Advisor and/or any committees.
4. Serve as a role model for all members of NFTY on a local, regional, Bi-regional, national, and international level, and to appropriately represent NFTY-STR to others.
5. Serve as a resource to all TYGs hosting NFTY-STR Regional events.
6. Maintain and expand the membership of NFTY-STR
7. Maintain the Membership Vice Presidents' Network.
8. Take on any additional duties, which may be necessary to fulfill any of the above responsibilities.

**ARTICLE SIX: NFTY-STR GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS,
RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

Section A. 1. The following definitions shall apply for this Article:

2. A **Resolution** shall be defined as a "formal statement of a decision or expression of an opinion held by the members of NFTY Southern Tropical Region." Resolutions shall not be presented to establish procedural or substantive rules. Resolutions shall be used to express the formal opinion of NFTY-STR. All Resolutions shall be saved and stored in an official file maintained by the NFTY-STR President.

3. A **By-Law** shall be defined as a "rule governing the internal affairs of NFTY-STR." All By-Laws shall be affixed to the Constitution starting after the last page of the Constitution proper.

4. An **Amendment** shall be defined as an addition or change to the text of this Constitution.

All Amendments shall be added to this constitution upon their ratification.

Section B. The business of the Region shall be conducted in at least two meetings per programming year of the respective full assemblies of the NFTY-STR Regional and General Boards.

Section C. All full assembly meetings of the NFTY-STR General Board shall require a quorum of at least thirty percent (30%) of the eligible delegates to meet. All full assembly Asefah further require a quorum of a majority of the voting Regional Board members to begin and conduct business. Should a quorum fail at any point in business, that meeting is suspended until a quorum of the full assembly, as termed in this section, can be formed.

Section D. The NFTY-STR President shall call and preside over all NFTY-STR Board meetings. Should the President be unable or unwilling to call a meeting and a quorum exists, two-thirds (2/3) of the voting delegates may petition the next highest gavel officer of the Regional Board to call and preside over the meeting. The petition shall be in written form. If a petition is taken and every member of the Regional Board refuses to call the meeting, the General Board may appoint a Speaker to conduct the meeting. The Speaker may only be appointed if a majority

of the voting Regional Board is present at and able to run the meeting, but has refused. The meeting may then only begin with a 75% vote in the affirmative by the voting General Board members. In the event that a Speaker-run meeting takes place, the requirement for the participation of a majority of the voting Regional Board is suspended. Regional Board members may not demand the gavel after having initially refused to call the meeting.

Section E. All members, clergy, and youth professionals of NFTY-STR have the right to attend any Asefah. Only the NFTY-STR Regional Board and NFTY-STR Regional Advisor have the right to attend Regional Board Meetings. Other individuals may be invited to attend any Asefah or Regional Board meeting with a majority vote of the Regional Board.

Section F. Any NFTY-STR member in attendance at any board meeting shall have the right to speak provided the member has obtained the floor in an appropriate manner from the presiding officer.

Section G. The following rules apply to all Resolutions, By-Laws, and Amendments:

1. Resolutions or Amendments intended to be presented in any Asefah must be submitted in writing to the NFTY-STR President 3 weeks prior to the Asefah, and will be available to all delegates 2 weeks prior to the Asefah. Legislation may be proposed by any NFTY-STR Regional Board Member, General Board member, or at least ten members of NFTY-STR.

2. Resolutions or Amendments may be introduced at any Asefah if they have met all prior requirements, but a simple majority of the Regional Board may force dismissal of a Resolution or Amendment from the Asefah agenda. Such removed resolutions or amendments are eligible to be proposed for the next Asefah by meeting the standard legislation requirements.

3. Resolutions or Amendments affirmed by the Regional Board may be considered to be conditionally adopted in the interim between an Regional Board meeting and the next Asefah. At that time Resolutions require an affirmative

simple majority and Amendments require an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting delegates to be officially enacted.

4. Amendments to this Constitution shall be passed by virtue of a two-thirds (2/3) majority. All amendments must be ratified at the next Asefah by a simple majority to remain enacted. Minor amendments dealing with typographical or grammatical errors may be made at will by the NFTY-STR President.

5. Resolutions and By-Laws shall be passed by virtue of a simple majority of the voting delegates.

Section H. The order of business at any NFTY-STR Board meeting shall be determined by the NFTY -STR President, except where this Constitution mandates otherwise.

Section I. The NFTY-STR President shall wield veto power over all Resolutions, By-Laws and Amendments. No elections are subject to veto. The veto must be issued immediately after the resolution or amendment is passed by vote.

1. A motion may be made immediately following the Presidents veto by any member of the General Board to overturn the veto and allow the Resolution or Amendment. The President MUST notify the General Board at the moment the veto is made that the right exists to move to overturn the veto. The President must also call for a motion to overturn three (3) times before the veto takes effect. If the motion is made and seconded, the President must speak to why the veto was made, author of said Resolution, By-Law, or Amendment or a proxy appointed by the author will make a counter-argument for the Resolution, By-Law, or Amendment.
2. In the case of an Amendment, the veto shall be overturned only if there is a three-fourths (3/4) vote in the affirmative by the General Board.
3. In the case of a Resolution or By-Law, the veto shall be overturned only if there is two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in the affirmative by the General Board.
4. If any of these steps are omitted, the veto is nullified. The President may also choose to withdraw the veto after discussion.

Section J. Robert's Rules of Order shall influence the rules of procedure at NFTY-STR events, but they shall not be bound by it. A NFTY-STR Guide to Asefah containing specific current rules of order shall be openly distributed to all delegates and shall be maintained continually by the NFTY-STR President.

ARTICLE SEVEN: MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Section A. Any Reform Jewish Youth Group sponsored by a URJ congregation is eligible for membership in NFTY-STR. Admission as a member of NFTY-STR automatically includes membership in NFTY. Such communities shall be known as Temple Youth Groups, hereafter referred to as TYGs.

Section B. The individual members of a member TYG that has paid its dues accordingly are members of NFTY-STR and NFTY, and shall be accorded the full privileges thereof.

Section C. Any individual or group, which is in a location where it is neither feasible nor practical to become affiliated with a URJ congregation in South Florida, is allowed to petition to fulfill the requirements of membership and become a full member of NFTY-STR. The determinations of "feasible" and "practical" shall be left to the discretion of the NFTY-STR President and Regional Advisor. It is the intent of the drafters of this Constitution, however, that all interested Reform Jewish youth are given the opportunity to partake in NFTY-STR and its programs.

Section D. Each TYG must submit a list of names in addition to their dues payment in order to determine how many declared members said TYG has.

Section E. The NFTY-STR Dues shall be established by NFTY-STR Regional Advisor and North American staff. Dues are to be paid by November 1, with penalties

incurred according to the mandates of the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor. Dues must be accompanied by an electronic copy of the TYGs membership. A TYG must notify the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor at least two weeks before any dues deadline if special arrangements regarding payment are required.

ARTICLE EIGHT: ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE

Section A. Election of NFTY-STR Regional officers shall occur during an Asefah held at NFTY-STR Winter Regional Convention. Moving the date of elections is at the discretion of the NFTY-STR President, the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, and the NFTY-STR Regional Rabbi. The NFTY-STR President shall be the arbiter of elections, which shall be the last order of new business of the Asefah. Votes shall be counted, in seclusion, by the NFTY-STR President, NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, and one unbiased individual, as determined by the NFTY-STR President and NFTY-STR Regional Advisor. The final counts or tallies of election voting shall not be published to any individual not involved in the counting. The ballots shall be discarded immediately.

Section B.

1. All candidates will read, sign, and submit intent to run packet and contract, both of which outline in more detail the financial obligations, time commitment, and expectations of NFTY-STR in order to be considered for candidacy.
2. Candidates shall have the opportunity to speak before the General Assembly for no longer than 3 minutes, with the exception of candidates for President, who will have 5 minutes.
3. Each TYG will have the opportunity to ask each candidate questions relative to their candidacy. Timing of this process is at the discretion of the NFTY-STR President and the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor. Candidates will sit with each TYG and answer their questions accordingly. TYGs will then be given time to caucus. Following TYG caucus, voting will occur. Campaigning, in ANY form, is strictly forbidden, and violation of any rules or procedures established shall lead to dismissal of candidacy. Drop downs and floor nominations are forbidden.

Section C: All candidates must have attended three (3) previous NFTY-STR Regional events while in 9th through 12th grade. If the candidate has moved from another NFTY Region, at least one (1) of the previous events must have been in NFTY-STR.

Section D. Officers shall be elected in reverse gavel order:
Membership Vice President
Communications Vice President
Religious and Cultural Vice President
Social Action Vice President
Programming Vice President
President

Section E. The office will go to the candidate with a majority of the votes. A run-off will occur when no candidate receives a majority of the vote. A run-off will be defined as a second round of voting between the two candidates who received the most votes in the original vote. All other candidates will be excluded from the ballot. Delegates shall be free to change their vote, even if the candidate they voted for in the first round is on the ballot.

Section F. NFTY-STR officers may not sit on their TYG Board. NFTY-STR officers and candidates must be members of a NFTY-STR TYG, and NFTY-STR.

Section G. The NFTY-STR President shall have the authority to appoint NFTY-STR non-elected Regional and General Board Members, if deemed necessary by the NFTY-STR President and the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor. This kind of appointment can be overturned in a vote by the Regional Board with a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Section H. Though officers are elected at the Winter Regional Convention Asefah, the term of office for all officers shall be June 1 to May 31.

Section I. The NFTY-STR Regional Board shall have the authority it deems necessary and proper for the administration of the election process.

ARTICLE NINE: RESIGNATION AND DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS

Section A. NFTY-STR elected or appointed officers may resign their position by written notification to the NFTY-STR President. The NFTY-STR President may appoint an interim officer, who shall then be confirmed by the NFTY-STR General Board. Resignation of appointed officers requires written notification to the NFTY-STR President, and is immediate and binding.

Section B. Dismissal procedures shall take place when a member of the NFTY-STR Regional Board has extremely violated the NFTY-STR Constitution, shown a lack of responsibility, behaved in a disruptive and destructive manner, or infringed upon the terms outlined in the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*.
With all cases excluding infringements of the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*, dismissal from office shall follow the procedures outlined below:

Paragraph 1: The President shall issue a warning to the NFTY-STR Regional Board member under consideration. When the NFTY-STR Regional Board member under consideration is the President, the Programming Vice President, with the consent of the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, shall issue the warning.

Paragraph 2: The NFTY-STR Regional Advisor shall issue a warning to the NFTY-STR Regional Board member under consideration.

Paragraph 3: The NFTY-STR President shall ask for the NFTY-STR Board member's resignation. If this is not received, the NFTY-STR Regional Board may consider dismissal procedures.

Paragraph 4: The NFTY-STR Regional Board may, after extensive review, dismiss any NFTY-STR Regional Board Member by at least a majority vote of the NFTY-STR Regional Board and the consent and advice of Regional Advisor

and Regional Rabbi.

- Section C.
1. In the case of a NFTY-STR Regional Board member's infringement of the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*, dismissal procedures will follow under the direction and discretion of the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, in consultation with the NFTY-STR President.
 2. Any dismissal must be reported to the NFTY-STR General Board at the next Asefah.
 3. Representing the NFTY-STR Regional Board and the NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, the NFTY-STR President shall appoint an interim officer, who shall then be verified by a simple majority mail vote of the TYG Presidents. In the event that the President is removed, the Programming Vice President shall assume all the duties of the office of President.

ARTICLE TEN: NFTY CODE OF CONDUCT

- Section A. The NFTY Code of Conduct at any youth event shall bind all participants; this applies to events sponsored at any level within the Region. The Code of Conduct shall supply the rules for that event, along with any additional rules presented by the sponsor, so long as the additional rules do not contradict the Code of Conduct in any way.
- Section B. Oral additional rules specific to an event or program are considered to be binding and have the same effect as the written NFTY Code of Conduct.
- Section C. NFTY-STR will utilize the current Code of Conduct issued by NFTY. NFTY-STR will not change the Code of Conduct utilized unless the NFTY board amends the NFTY Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: ENABLING CLAUSES

Section A. Upon its approval by the NFTY-STR General Board, this Constitution of the North American Federation of Temple Youth Southern Tropical Region shall be the Constitution of the North American Federation of Temple Youth Southern tropical Region and shall replace any previous Constitution held by this organization.

Section B. Any policy, circumstance, or procedure not provided for by this Constitution shall be left to the discretion of the full voting members of the NFTY-STR Regional Board, NFTY-STR President, and NFTY-STR Regional Advisor.