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## MICHIGAN YOUNG REPUBLICANS ELECT LEADERSHIP FOR 2009-2011

EAST LANSING: Delegates and observers attended the 2009 Michigan Young Republican Convention recently to convene to elect the MYR's statewide leadership. The Convention was held on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

The mission of the Michigan Young Republicans, which is open to all Republicans ages 18 – 40, is “To discover and invite young people into the Republican Party to promote political expression and recognition, to encourage awareness and participation in the political process at all levels of government in the State of Michigan, to help build the future of the Republican Party, to support and promote the philosophies and ideals of the local, state, and national Republican Party, and to assist in the election of Republican nominees into public office.

Prior to the election of officers, delegates and guest heard from a variety of speakers, including former Michigan Republican Party Chairman Saul Anuzis, candidate for Secretary of State Anne Norlander, as well as several candidates for the United States Congress and state legislature. As special guests for the evening, the group honored longtime MSU Trustee Don Nugent, as well as Andrew Richner, member of the UofM Board of Regents. Appreciation tributes were given to past MYR leadership for the efforts to guide and grow the organization.

New officers nominated and elected are as follows:

Chair: Scott R. Czasak of Macomb County, also Chairman of the Macomb County YR's, and the Americans for a Conservative Tomorrow-PAC

Vice-Chair: Angelique Rea of Wayne County, who has held a variety of Republican leadership roles in Wayne County and the 13th congressional district

Treasurer: Rob Macomber of Eaton County, former Director of Candidate Assistance for the Michigan Republican Party, now a political & media consultant.

Secretary: Paul Cusick of Wayne County, an attorney and longtime party

activist who has held leadership roles in a variety of Republican Party organizations and campaigns.

National Committeeman: Troy Rolling of Berrien County, who also serves as Grassroots Vice-Chair of the Michigan Republican Party.

National Committeewoman: Victoria Czapski of Macomb County, a former Field Director for the Michigan Republican Party and longtime Michigan Republican and Young Republican grassroots leader.

The first project to be undertaken by the new team will be to mobilize the MYR members in order to assist candidate Mike Nofs, who is the Republican nominee for Michigan's 19th State Senate District special election. On October 31, YRs from around the state will gather in Jackson, MI to knock doors and make phone calls urging the voters of the 19th District to support Mike Nofs.

New Chairman, Scott Czasak, has made his goals clear: "As the generation that is being forced out of Michigan because of the Democrat Depression, we can't wait for it to be 'our turn'. We are going to get to work by strengthening our current clubs and growing new ones all across the state to help generate the next generation of Republican leadership."