

Arizona/Nevada Senior Classical League Constitution & Bylaws



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Constitution

Article I. General Provisions.

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Arizona/Nevada Senior Classical League, hereafter referred to as the AZ/NV SCL.

Section 2. Purpose. The objectives of this organization shall be to enhance and promote the appreciation of the classics and classical scholarship in post-secondary education, to assist and support the Arizona Junior Classical League and the Nevada Junior Classical League (hereafter, the AZJCL and NVJCL, respectively), and to fulfill all otherwise related interests of the membership of the AZ/NV SCL.

Section 3. Affiliation. The AZ/NV SCL shall be in affiliation with the American Classical League (ACL), the parent organization of the National Junior Classical League (NJCL). This organization is also affiliated with the Arizona Junior Classical League (AZJCL), the Nevada Junior Classical League (NVJCL), and the National Senior Classical League.

The AZ/NV SCL shall be associated with the National Senior Classical League, hereinafter referred to as the NSCL, by charter. No provisions of this Constitution or its Bylaws shall be construed so as to conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Acts of the AZJCL and/or NVJCL, NSCL, or ACL.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the AZ/NV SCL in all cases to which they are applicable.

Section 4. Creed. The creed of the AZ/NV SCL shall be...

“We, the members of the Arizona/Nevada Senior Classical League, covenant to hand on the torch of classical civilization in the modern world. We believe an acquaintance with the civilizations of Greece and Rome will help us understand and appraise this world of today, which is indebted to ancient civilization in its government and laws, literature, language, and arts. We affirm the SCL experience develops responsibility, fosters brotherhood, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication, and enriches our total growth.”

Section 5. Emblem. The emblem shall be the torch of knowledge with the initials “AZ/NV SCL” in the center, all encircled by a laurel wreath.

Section 6. Meetings. The Annual Meeting shall be a meeting of the membership held in Spring at a time determined by the executive board. All members present shall constitute a quorum.

6.1. Unplanned Meetings. The AZ/NV SCL Executive Board has the authority to conduct business of the organization during the time between meetings of the AZ/NV SCL Executive Board. Meetings of the officers may be called at any time by the President.

Article II. Membership.

Section 1. Authority of the Membership. The paramount legislative authority of this organization resides in the membership. The membership can amend the Constitution or bylaws as long as no section of either document shall conflict with the Constitution, bylaws, or Acts of the ACL or the NSCL.

Section 2. Qualifications for Membership. Membership of this organization shall be open to second semester high school seniors and those who have graduated from high school.

This includes, but is not limited to:

1. college or university students,
2. graduate/professional school students, and
3. other high school graduates attending post-secondary education or training

who:

1. are living in Arizona/Nevada, and/or
2. have graduated from an Arizona/Nevada high school or college,

who wish to maintain membership in the AZ/NV SCL in order to promote its objectives.

In order to join the AZ/NV SCL, it is not necessary to be a Classics major, to be taking Latin or Greek courses, or to have had prior membership in the AZ/NV JCL. If an individual registers as a member with the AZ/NV SCL board, they shall become an official member of the AZ/NV SCL.

Section. 3. Types of Membership. There shall be three types of memberships in the AZ/NV SCL, which shall be called “Primary”, “Secondary”, and “Tertiary”. Primary and Secondary membership shall be held from the point of registration for that type of membership, until the time that eligibility for that type of membership has expired. Tertiary membership shall be held

indefinitely following the expiration of Secondary membership, provided the member remains in good standing.

3.1 Good Standing. A member shall be said to be in good standing as long as they continue to follow the rules set forth in these Constitution and Bylaws.

3.2. Regular Membership. Secondary school graduates shall be eligible for regular membership until the opening of the assembly at the fifth Annual Meeting after their high school graduation. Graduating seniors may join at the Annual Meeting of the SCL chapter in the year of their graduation or any time thereafter.

3.2.1. High School Seniors. SCL members attending the AZJCL and/or NVJCL convention in their final year of high school shall be governed primarily by the rules for AZJCL and/or NVJCL delegates, and must first and foremost meet their AZJCL and/or NVJCL obligations before participating in AZ/NV SCL activities. The rights of regular members are described in the AZ/NV SCL Constitution and these Bylaws. These members are considered full AZ/NV SCL members upon the conclusion of the NJCL convention.

3.3. Secondary Membership. Secondary school graduates shall be eligible for associate membership from the opening of the assembly at the fifth Annual Meeting following their graduation from high school until the closing of the ninth Annual Meeting following their graduation from high school. Associate members possess all the rights of regular members, including the eligibility to vote and the eligibility to run for and hold SCL office.

3.4. Tertiary Membership. Upon the conclusion of a member's ninth Annual Meeting after their graduation from high school, the member is eligible to enter Tertiary membership. Tertiary members may not run for or hold office in the AZ/NV SCL, but may vote, propose legislation, attend conventions, and participate in all other activities.

Article III. Governance.

Section 1. The membership shall annually elect a President, Vice-President, and Parliamentarian.

Section 2. All Primary and Secondary members of the AZ/NV SCL are eligible to hold office. A candidate for President must have attended at least one prior Annual Meeting as an AZ/NV SCL member to be eligible for the office of President.

Section 3. The membership of the AZ/NV SCL shall hold elections at the Annual Meeting of the

membership. Nominations shall be taken from the members present and time shall be allotted for each candidate to speak on their own behalf, as specified in Section II of the AZ/NV SCL Bylaws.

Section 4. The executive authority of the organization resides in an Executive board, which shall consist of the elected and appointed officers, and the AZ/NV SCL Advisor as a nonvoting member. The board shall supervise the affairs of the organization between its meetings and shall transact business on its behalf, subject to the authority of the membership and the AZ/NV SCL Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 5. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern AZ/NV SCL in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and these bylaws and any special rules of order AZ/NV SCL may adopt.

Article IV. Amendments.

Section 1. Origin of Amendments. Any member of this organization may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting such to the AZ/NV SCL President, the AZ/NV SCL Parliamentarian, and the AZ/NV SCL Advisor. Furtherance of a proposed amendment requires approval by the AZJCL and/or NVJCL Executive Board in a manner in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the AZ/NV SCL.

Section 2. Amendment Procedure. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be considered at the first Annual Meeting held following final approval by the AZ/NV SCL Executive Board. The procedure shall be as follows:

- 4.2.1. The AZ/NV SCL Parliamentarian shall give notice of the proposed amendment prior to the Annual Meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.
- 4.2.2. The AZ/NV SCL Executive Board shall report to the membership the possible effect of the amendment and may recommend whether the proposed amendment ought to be ratified.
- 4.2.3. The membership shall debate the proposed amendment at the Annual Meeting.
- 4.2.4. Voting shall take place during the assembly of the Annual Meeting, unless postponed by the Executive Board or the membership.
- 4.2.5. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting shall be required for passage of a proposed amendment.

Bylaws

Article I. Officers.

Section 1. Officers. The AZ/NV SCL officers shall be a President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian, elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. These officers shall constitute the AZ/NV SCL Executive Board.

1.1. President. The duties of the President shall be as follows:

- 1.1.1. Chair the meetings of the membership and the Executive Board;
- 1.1.2. Convene the membership, the Executive Board, or any committee, with cause;
- 1.1.3. Coordinate membership promotion and alumni relations;
- 1.1.4. Create and appoint any necessary committee;
- 1.1.5. Delegate responsibility for which exercise is not otherwise provided;
- 1.1.6. Assist new state and provincial chapters in organizing and granting temporary charters to such chapters as needed;
- 1.1.7. Have jurisdiction over the AZ/NV SCL reception at the AZJCL and/or NVJCL Convention;
- 1.1.8. Coordinate and oversee the duties of the Executive Board;

1.2. Vice President. The duties of the Vice-president shall be as follows:

- 1.2.1. Assume the Presidency in the event of permanent vacancy of the position;
- 1.2.2. Perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or temporary inability to serve;
- 1.2.3. Assist the President;
- 1.2.4. Collect any dues, fees, or any routine debt owed to the organization;
- 1.2.5. Work with the Advisor to transfer any income;
- 1.2.6. Disburse funds as appropriated by the Executive Board or the Advisor;
- 1.2.7. Maintain, in coordination with the Advisor, accurate record keeping of the AZ/NV SCL treasury;
- 1.2.8. Maintain the roll of members and alumni; and,
- 1.2.9. Recommend budgets when needed to the President and Advisor for approval.

1.3. Parliamentarian. The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be as follows:

- 1.3.1. Administer the election of officers and voting of amendments to the Constitution or these Bylaws;
- 1.3.2. Help the President maintain order at meetings;

- 1.3.3. Submit amendments to the constitution and bylaws as recommended by the Executive Board;
- 1.3.4. Carefully record all proceedings of the membership or the Executive Board, and circulate these minutes to each officer and the Advisor after the meeting;
- 1.3.5. Maintain any business records or other official documents in good order;
- 1.3.6. Make the roll of members and other official documents available to the officers, updating these documents when necessary;
- 1.3.7. Manage communications between the Executive Board and the membership;
- 1.3.8. Act as administrator for any AZ/NV SCL email lists; and,
- 1.3.9. Make any document or record available to any member upon request.

Article II. Elections.

Section 1. Candidate Eligibility. Any member of the Arizona/Nevada Senior Classical League whose primary or secondary membership would not expire prior to the end of the term of office is eligible for any office.

Section 1.1. Eligibility Restrictions.

- 1.1. In order to file candidacy for an AZ/NV SCL office, members must be present at the Annual Meeting.
- 1.2. The President shall have attended at least one AZJCL or NVJCL event as an AZ/NV SCL member prior to the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

Section 2. Term of Office. The normal term for any officer to hold office shall be from the conclusion of the Annual Meeting to the next year's Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Nominations. Candidates for elected office shall be nominated at the Annual Meeting. Any member may nominate an eligible member for office. Candidates so nominated may speak on their own behalf for a time determined by the President, Parliamentarian, or Advisor.

Section 4. Election Procedure.

4.1 Time of Elections. The election of officers shall occur at the Annual Meeting. Election of each office shall occur in the order in which the offices are listed in this Constitution, with the winners being announced before the election of the next office begins.

4.2 Discussion. Any member may discuss or question any candidate. Candidates may remain present in the meeting throughout the election.

4.3 Unsuccessful Candidates. An unsuccessful candidate may choose to run for any other office at the election. There shall be no limit to the number of offices for which a nominated candidate may run. Candidates so nominated may speak on their own behalf for a time determined by the President, Parliamentarian, or Advisor.

4.4 Voter Eligibility. Any registered delegate in attendance who remains in good standing shall be eligible to vote. The Parliamentarian shall note members who have completed registration and keep a list of eligible voters.

4.5 Voting. Eligible members shall vote by ranked secret ballot. There will be no absentee voting. The President, Parliamentarian, and AZ/NV SCL Advisor shall count the ballots according to the instant run-off procedure prescribed by the parliamentary manual adopted by the NSCL. If the President or Parliamentarian is a candidate, then the three shall jointly appoint an impartial teller.

4.6 No Election. Should the first ballot for an office fail to produce a winner, the members of the outgoing Executive Board, not running for the office in question, shall decide among the top two candidates (or among all candidates tied for first), by secret ballot. A majority of those voting shall be required for election. If this procedure again fails to produce a winner, the election shall be decided by random draw.

4.7 Uncontested Elections. If no member objects, uncontested elections may be voted on by acclamation.

4.8 State of Emergency. If no candidate for an office can be found, a state of emergency for that office may be declared by the Parliamentarian. A member in their Tertiary membership may then run for the declared office.

4.9 Vacancies. If an officer is impeached or in the case of resignation, the AZ/NV SCL Executive Board shall appoint a qualified member to assume the vacant position.

4.9.1. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President.

4.9.2. Vacancies in offices other than that of the President shall be filled by appointment of the President with the consent of the Executive Board and Advisor.

4.10. Removal. An officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the membership, or an agreement between the AZ/NV SCL Advisor and AZ/NV SCL President.

Article III. Registration

Section 1. Convention Registration. The registration for AZ/NV SCL members includes providing contact information to the Executive Board.

Section 2. Dues. There shall be no dues to be a member of the AZ/NV SCL.