

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
ILLINOIS SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
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PREAMBLE:

We, the members of the Illinois Senior Classical League, in order to operate smoothly, efficiently, and fairly in our promotion of the classics and support of the Junior Classical League, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: Name:

The name of this organization is the Illinois Senior Classical League hereafter referred to in this document as ISCL.

Section 2: Objective:

The objectives of this organization are to enhance and promote the appreciation of the classics and classical scholarship in postsecondary education and to advise, encourage, and help the Illinois Junior Classical League (IJCL) and the National Junior Classical League (NJCL).

Section 3: Emblem:

The emblem shall be that of the National Senior Classical League (NSCL).

Section 4: Affiliation:

This organization is the official Illinois state chapter of the SCL and is affiliated with the NSCL and the IJCL.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERS:

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 American Classical League (ACL) or the NSCL.

Section 2: Types of Membership and Their Qualifications:

There shall be two types of membership in the ISCL, which shall be called regular and associate. Regular and associate memberships shall be held for the time of payment of dues for that type of membership, until time of eligibility for that type of membership has expired. The bylaws of the ISCL shall prescribe the dues for regular and associate membership. All members must be tied to the state of Illinois by past or present residency, or by past or present enrollment in an educational institution in the state of Illinois.

Section 2.1: Regular Members: Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for regular membership until the election of officers at the 4th annual state convention after his graduation. A graduating senior may join at the annual state convention in the year of his graduation. Such members shall be considered “Slashers” until the conclusion of the NJCL convention following their graduation from secondary school. The rights of regular members of the ISCL are described in this Constitution and in the Bylaws of the ISCL.

Section 2.2: Associate Members: Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for associate membership from the time of expiration of eligibility for regular membership until the end of the ninth annual national meeting after his graduation from high school. An associate member shall enjoy every right that a regular member enjoys except eligibility to hold state office.

Section 3: Chapters: The ISCL may charter local chapters of its organization. Procedure for such charters, along with requirements for and obligations of local chapters, shall be specified in the bylaws of the ISCL.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNANCE:

Section 1: General Provisions:

No section of this constitution or its bylaws shall conflict with the constitution, bylaws, or acts of the ACL and the NSCL

Section 2: Advisor: The ISCL shall have one Advisor, who shall be a member of the Illinois Classical Conference (ICC). The membership shall vote for a new Advisor whenever the position becomes vacant. The Executive Board shall fill a vacancy that occurs between annual meetings. The Advisor shall serve as long as desired or until removed by the membership. The Executive Board may propose the removal of an Advisor to the membership, which shall have the final say at the next annual meeting.

Section 3: Officers:

The officers of this organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Parliamentarian, elected annually by the membership.

Section 4: Qualifications:

Only regular members are eligible for ISCL office, and such members must be eligible for regular membership for the duration of their term of office. A candidate must have studied the classics in secondary or postsecondary school. A candidate for President or Vice-President must have attended at least one prior annual meeting as an ISCL member.

Section 4.1: Rules Involving Multiple Offices:

No member shall hold concurrently more than one elected or appointed office. No member shall be elected to the same office at two consecutive annual election meetings, unless an exception is made by a two thirds vote of members present at a nominating or

voting meeting at the annual convention. Such exception shall only be allowed if there are fewer than two already qualified candidates running for the office. Under no circumstances shall a member be elected to the same office at more than two consecutive annual election meetings.

Section 5: Elections:

The membership of the ISCL shall hold elections at the annual IJCL convention. Nominations shall be taken from the floor of the assembly. Time shall be allowed for each candidate or their selected proxy to speak on their own behalf. If any elected offices are not filled at the annual election, they may be filled by a majority vote of a committee consisting of all members of the outgoing Executive Board and the newly elected Executive Board, with the Advisor not voting.

Section 6: Executive Board:

The general executive authority of this organization resides in an Executive Board, which shall consist of the five elected officers, and the 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 NSCL.

Section 6.1: Meetings:

Executive Board meetings shall occur whenever called by the Advisor or any officer. A majority of the elected officers shall constitute a quorum. The Advisor is not counted in the quorum.

Section 6.2: Long-distance Meetings:

The Executive Board may conduct business online throughout the year, providing that ample opportunity is given to all its members and the Advisor to participate, and that accurate records of online meetings are maintained. A quorum shall be established when all Executive Board members are given notice and opportunity to participate in the proceedings. A majority vote of all voting members of the Executive Board shall be required in these cases.

Section 7: Parliamentary Authority:

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the ISCL 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 the ISCL may adopt.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: Annual Meeting:

The membership shall meet annually during the IJCL state convention. Members in good standing shall be eligible to participate in the meeting.

Section 2: Quorum:

At any meeting of the ISCL membership during the annual convention for which public notice has been given at least three hours prior to the assembly, the members present shall constitute a quorum, provided that the number of non-officers present is at least as great as the number of officers present.

ARTICLE V: BYLAWS

Section 1: Bylaws:

Bylaws not contrary to any provision of this constitution may be established.

Section 2: Bylaws Amendment:

Any member may propose a change in the bylaws and the membership shall have the final say regarding all proposed changes.

Section 2.1: Proposal:

Any member wishing to propose a change to the bylaws shall submit the proposal in writing to the Parliamentarian, who shall notify the general membership of the proposed change and conduct a vote.

Section 2.2: Ratification:

A change to the bylaws may be ratified by two thirds of the general membership present at the annual meeting or by the affirmative responses, delivered on paper or by email, of three fifths of the entire general membership between annual meetings.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT

Section 1: Proposal:

Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution by submitting a proposal in writing to the Parliamentarian. All proposed amendments that are in order shall be presented to the membership by the Parliamentarian regardless of the approval or disapproval of the Executive Board, but the Executive Board may issue recommendations to the membership regarding any proposed amendment.

Section 2: Presentation and Consideration:

The Parliamentarian shall present proposed amendments to all ISCL members present at the annual convention, at least three hours before the assembly at which it is considered for ratification. The membership shall also be notified of any recommendations made by the Executive Board regarding the proposed amendment.

Section 3: Ratification:

The vote to ratify a proposed amendment shall occur at an assembly during the annual meeting, providing the time and purpose of such assembly is announced at least three hours prior to the vote. The membership shall ratify a proposed amendment to this constitution by a three fourths vote of the members present at the designated assembly during the annual convention.

ARTICLE VII: RATIFICATION

Section 1: Referral to the Membership:

This constitution shall be presented to the Executive Board for review and shall be referred to the general membership for ratification following its approval by the ISCL Advisor and three fifths of the voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Ratification by the Membership:

Once referred for ratification, this constitution shall be made available to current ISCL members as well as those individuals eligible to join at the next annual meeting of the ISCL. The time and place of a meeting to ratify this constitution shall be announced to all eligible ISCL members present at the next annual state convention, and this meeting shall take place prior to the election of new officers. An affirmative vote of three-fourths of all members present at this meeting shall ratify this constitution, effective immediately.