



Constitution & Bylaws

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Constitution

Article I. General Provisions

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Colorado Senior Classical League, hereafter referred to as the COSCL.

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, and to advise, encourage, and assist the Colorado Junior Classical League, hereafter referred to as the COJCL.

Section 3. Affiliation. The COSCL 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 COJCL and the National Senior Classical League.

The COSCL shall be associated with the National Senior Classical League, hereafter 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 COJCL, NSCL, or ACL.

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

Section 4. Creed. The creed of the COSCL shall be...

“We, the members of the Colorado Senior Classical League, covenant to hand on the torch of classical civilizations 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 the ancient civilizations in its government and laws, literature, language, and arts. We affirm the

SCL experience develops responsibility, fosters siblinghood, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication, and enriches our total growth.

Section 5. Meetings. The Annual Meeting shall be a meeting of the membership held in Summer at a time determined by the Executive Board. All members present shall constitute a quorum.

5.1 Unplanned Meetings. The COSCL Executive Board has the authority to conduct business of the organization during the time between meetings of the COSCL Executive Board. Meetings of the officers may be called at any time by the President or Advisor.

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 NSCL.

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

This includes, but is not limited to:

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

Who:

1. are living in Colorado,

2. have attended a Colorado high school, college/university, or other educational institution, and/or
3. have any other affiliation with the state of Colorado

who wish to maintain membership in the COSCL in order to promote its objectives.

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

Section 3. Membership. Membership shall be held from the point of registration, which may occur in one's second semester of senior year in high school or any time thereafter for high school graduates. Membership will be held indefinitely, provided the member remains in good standing, or until the member decides to formally resign from membership.

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

3.2 High School Seniors. Graduating high school seniors may register and join at the Annual Meeting of the COSCL chapter in the year of their graduation or anytime thereafter. COSCL members attending the COJCL convention in their final year of high school shall be governed primarily by the rules for COJCL delegates, and must first and foremost meet their COJCL obligations before participating in COSCL activities. The rights of primary members are described in the COSCL Constitution and these Bylaws. These members are considered full COSCL members upon the conclusion of the NJCL convention in the year of their high school graduation.

Article III. Governance.

Section 1. Officers. The membership shall annually elect a President and Vice President to comprise the Executive Board.

Section 2. Eligibility to Hold Office. All full members of the COSCL are eligible to hold office. A candidate for President must have attended at least one prior Annual Meeting, COJCL convention, or NJCL convention as an SCL member to be eligible for the office of President.

Section 3. Elections. The membership of the COSCL 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 COSCL Bylaws.

Section 4. Executive Board. The executive authority of the organization resides in the Executive Board, which shall consist of the elected and appointed officers and the COSCL Advisor. 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 COSCL Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4. Rules of Order. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern COSCL 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 COSCL 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 COSCL President, COSCL Vice President, and COSCL Advisor.

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

- 4.2.1. The COSCL President shall give notice of the proposed amendment prior to the Annual Meeting, at which the amendment is to be considered.
- 4.2.2. The COSCL 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.
- 4.2.4. 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 COSCL officers shall be a President and Vice President, elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. These officers and the COSCL Advisor shall constitute the COSCL 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 with alumni relations;
- 1.1.4. Maintain, in coordination with the Advisor, accurate record keeping of the COSCL membership and statuses;
- 1.1.5. Create and appoint any necessary committee;
- 1.1.6. Delegate responsibility for which exercise is not otherwise provided;
- 1.1.7. Assist new state and provincial chapters in organizing and granting temporary charters to such chapters as needed;
- 1.1.8. Maintain any business records or other official documents in good order;
- 1.1.9. Manage communications between the Executive Board and the membership;
- 1.1.10. Hold jurisdiction over the COSCL reception at the COJCL Convention;
- 1.1.11. Coordinate and oversee the duties of the Executive Board;
- 1.1.12. Other duties as assigned by the COSCL Advisor.

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 in any tasks or duties as needed;
- 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;
- 1.2.7. Maintain, in coordination with the Advisor, accurate record keeping of the COSCL treasury;
- 1.2.8. Recommend budgets when needed to the President and Advisor for approval.
- 1.2.9. Assist the President in maintaining order at meetings;
- 1.2.10. Administer the election of officers and voting of amendments to the Constitution or these Bylaws;
- 1.2.11. Submit amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as recommended by the Executive Board or members;
- 1.2.12. Record proceedings of the membership or the Executive Board;
- 1.2.13. Make any document or record available to any member upon request.

Article II. Elections

Section 1. Eligibility. Any member of the COSCL in good standing is eligible for any office.

1.1. Eligibility Restrictions:

- 1.1.1. In order to file candidacy for a COSCL office, members must be present at the Annual Meeting.

- 1.1.2. The President shall have attended at least one prior Annual Meeting, COJCL convention, or NJCL convention as an 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 conclusion of the following 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 Executive Board.

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 the Constitution, with the results 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 Executive Board.
- 4.4. **Voter Eligibility.** Any registered member in attendance at the Annual Meeting who remains in good standing shall be eligible to vote.

- 4.5. Voting.** Eligible members shall vote by ranked secret ballot. The Executive Board shall count the ballots according to the instant run-off procedure prescribed by the parliamentary manual adopted by the NSCL. If any of the present officers are a candidate, then the Advisor will act as 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 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 current Executive Board and the Executive Board may choose to appoint a member to the position.
- 4.9. Vacancies.** If an officer is impeached or in the case of resignation, the 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.
- 4.10. Removal.** An officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the membership, or an agreement between the COSCL Advisor and the COSCL President.

Article III. Registration

Section 1. Registration. The registration for COSCL members includes providing contact information to the Executive Board.

Section 2. Dues. There shall be no dues to be a member of the COSCL.