

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE KENTUCKY SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

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## **Constitution of the Kentucky Senior Classical League**

### *Preamble*

We, the members of the Kentucky Senior Classical League, in order to promote cooperation among the several school organizations, to establish a basis for order and to increase unity and effectiveness of leadership, promote friendship and encourage understanding among the several members, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

### **ARTICLE I Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Kentucky Senior Classical League.

### **ARTICLE II Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to enhance and promote the appreciation of the classics in post-secondary education, and to advise, encourage, and assist the Junior Classical League.

### **ARTICLE III Authority for Operation**

Section 1. This Constitution, in conjunction with the Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, shall be the authority for the operation of the Kentucky Senior Classical League.

Section 2. Executive Board: The State Chairs are responsible for working with the Kentucky Senior Classical League officers and their sponsors. The Kentucky Senior Classical League Executive Board includes the state officers. The Executive Board shall act as an agent through which Kentucky Senior Classical League business between conventions may be governed and assisted. The President of the KSCL shall act as Chair.

## **Bylaws of the Kentucky Senior Classical League**

### **ARTICLE I Membership and Dues**

Section 1. Individual Membership: Individual membership in this organization shall be of two kinds: member of a university or college and member-at-large. All members need not be taking courses in the classical humanities at the time of membership. Membership may be granted to others at the discretion of the Kentucky Senior Classical League Executive Board.

Section 2: Member-at-Large: A student not enrolled in a university or college may still apply for membership in the organization. At such time, an individual can approach the Executive Board to plead one's case. Furthermore, membership to such an individual, if awarded, will bring all duties and responsibilities as a member of a university or college and the membership of the individual shall be denoted by the title "Member-at-Large".

Section 3: Fees:

A. Annual: The annual dues for members shall be seven dollars (\$7.00), from which a separate convention registration fee shall not be set, unless deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

B. Collegiate career: Alternatively, members may choose to pay one-time dues for their entire collegiate career, the amount for which shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00).

### **ARTICLE II State Officers**

Section 1. State Officers Defined: The elected officers of this organization shall be the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian. This specific order of offices is defined to be the Gavel Order. Gavel Down will refer to the order of President to Historian. Gavel Up will be the opposite.

Section 2. Term of Office: The term of office for each officer shall be for one year only, from the election at the annual meeting until a successor is chosen at the next annual meeting.

Section 3. Qualifications: To be eligible to run for elective office, a candidate MUST have attended at least one Kentucky Junior Classical League convention as a member of the Kentucky Senior Classical League and MUST be a post-graduate. The candidate NEED NOT be enrolled in a Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities class at the time of candidacy. The Parliamentarian will call a State of Emergency if there are fewer than one nominee for each position on the Executive Board. In a State of Emergency, the Nominations and Elections Committee may waive the following qualification by a simple majority: No member shall hold the same elective office three years in succession.

Section 4. Nomination Procedures:

A. Nomination: A candidate must be nominated by a member of the Kentucky Senior Classical League at the Nominations and Elections Committee; the motion must be seconded; the motion must pass by the simple majority of those present; the Parliamentarian will then recognize the candidacy of the individual. All nominations MUST be from the delegation of those present, and all nominations MUST be from those among the delegation.

B. Nominations and Election Committee: The Nominations and Elections Committee shall take place annually at the Second KSCL meeting at the KJCL Convention and shall be conducted by the Parliamentarian. A candidate shall be nominated by a Nominations and Elections Committee which shall consist of AT LEAST two Executive Board members and AT LEAST 6 members of the delegation. The KSCL Parliamentarian shall serve as the Chair. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall then accept nominations from the floor. In the case of a tie, the KSCL Parliamentarian shall cast the deciding vote. When there is AT LEAST 1 candidate for each elective office, the Parliamentarian will conduct Campaigning (See Part C of this section) of the candidates, Question and Answer (See Part D of this section), Discussion (See Part E of this section), and proceed to Voting (See Section 5 of this Article). This entire procedure is to be conducted candidate by candidate. The order of these procedures will be Gavel Down. After all elective offices have been filled, the Parliamentarian will discuss remaining business and entertain the motion to adjourn Nominations and Elections Committee.

i. State of Emergency: In the event of a State of Emergency (Section 3 of this Article), and there are no nominees for an elective position, the position will be declared VACANT until such time as a member presents their candidacy.

C. Campaigning: The campaigning of the individual shall consist of a brief speech given to the KSCL Delegation. Should there be more than one candidate for a given elective office, the order of speeches will be in the order of the nomination of the candidates.

D. Question and Answer: After Campaigning, it is the right of any member of the delegation to ask questions to the candidate. This shall be run at the discretion of the Parliamentarian.

E. Discussion: Following Question and Answer, the candidate(s) will step out of the room and the delegation will begin a discussion about each candidate for a given elective office, run under the discretion of the Parliamentarian.

#### Section 5. Election Procedures:

A. Voting Member: Any member of the KSCL is a voting member.

B. Voting Procedures: Voting delegates shall vote by hand. Each member will have one vote. Only members which are in good standing may vote in the delegation.

C. Proxies: If a member is unable to be present at the voting session of the state convention because of travel necessities, the voting delegates shall place their votes in a sealed envelope and deposit it with the Parliamentarian. Said votes will be recorded with the final total during the election count. No other type of proxies shall be allowed.

D. A candidate must receive a majority of votes eligible to be elected to an office.

#### Section 6. Vacancies:

A. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the Vice President shall become President, and the new President, with the concurrence of the Executive Board, shall name a qualified person to serve as Vice President.

B. Should any vacancy occur other than in the office of President, or should an officer default in the performance of their duties, a member may contact the President and the President will (or will not) recognize the individual's candidacy for the position. If so, the Executive Board will meet and the individual may be elected to the elective position if and only if the motion passes in the Executive Board by majority and plurality. This procedure is the same in the event of either State-of-Emergency or if an officer abdicates their position mid-term.

C. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the newly elected officers shall name a qualified person to fill the position.

D. The Board Member who abdicates their position may not declare candidacy for the position again.

#### Section 7. Removal from Office:

A. Grounds for Removal: The Kentucky Senior Classical League shall have the power to remove any of its officers as provided in this section. The grounds for such removal shall be the infraction of the convention rules and/or serious negligence in the discharge of the duties of that office.

B. Removal Procedures: The following procedures shall be followed in all proceedings leading to the possible expulsion of an officer and shall not exceed a 60-day time limit from the time of the resolution.

i. Procedure:

1. A resolution by the Executive Board to consider the removal of an officer can be introduced by any member of the Executive Board or by a petition bearing the signatures of the officers of at least three members.

2. If said resolution to consider the removal of an officer should pass the Executive Board by a simple majority, that officer shall guarantee that adequate defense shall be made, by telephone, by mail or in person, to all those who shall vote on the question of their removal.

3. After the officer in question shall have finished their defense, a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board shall be necessary to remove the officer. No officer shall be denied proceedings aimed at their removal.

#### Section 8. Duties.

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

- i. Chair the meetings of the membership and the Executive Board;
- ii. Have jurisdiction over the KSCL slasher mixer at the Kentucky Junior Classical League Convention; and,
- iii. Coordinate and oversee the duties of the officers.

B. Vice President: The duties of the Vice President shall be as follows:

- i. Assume the Presidency in the event of permanent vacancy of the position;
  - ii. Perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or temporary inability to serve;
  - iii. Assist the President; and,
  - iv. Have jurisdiction over Ludi, Olympika, and the talent show at the annual Kentucky Junior Classical League Convention.
- C. Secretary: The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:
- i. Carefully record all proceedings of the membership or the Executive Board, and circulate these minutes to each officer and the Advisor after the meeting
  - ii. Manage communications between the Executive Board and the membership; and,
  - iii. Act as administrator for any KSCL email lists or webpages.
- D. Treasurer: The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:
- i. Collect dues;
  - ii. Maintain accurate record keeping of the KSCL treasury;
  - iii. Recommend an annual budget to the incoming Executive Board; and,
  - iv. Publish an outgoing financial report.
- E. Parliamentarian: The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be as follows:
- i. Administer the election of officers and the voting on amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws; and,
  - ii. Advise any officer or other member on matter of procedure.
- F. Historian: The duties of the Historian shall be as follows:
- i. Prepare an ongoing photographic record of the KSCL; and
  - ii. Maintain the official online presence of the KSCL.

### **ARTICLE III**

Section 1. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of three-fourths of the voting delegates at the annual convention.

### **ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. Bylaws: Bylaws not contrary to any provision of this Constitution may be established.

Section 2. Bylaws Procedure: Bylaws may be established, amended or appealed by a majority vote. Notice of proposed change of bylaws must be given at least one general session prior to final action on said change.

### **ARTICLE V**

Section 1. Constitutional Amendments: Suggested amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing to the President and Parliamentarian. Copies of all amendments shall be mailed to each member of the Executive Board. Proposed amendments shall become effective upon ratification by a two-thirds majority of a meeting of the Executive

Board no later than [1] month after the postmark of the proposed amendment.  
Section 2. Review: This constitution may be reviewed yearly.

## **ARTICLE VI**

Section 1. Constitutional Replacement: If a new constitution is proposed to replace the current constitution, it must be approved by the same process as is required for the approval of a constitutional amendment.