

The Constitution of the Louisiana Senior Classical League

Article I Name and Emblem

Section 1. Name.

The name of this organization will be the Louisiana Senior Classical League, hereinafter referred to as the LSCL.

Section 2. Emblem.



Article II Purpose

Section 1. Objective.

The objective of this organization shall be to enhance and promote the appreciation and study of the classics among postsecondary education, and to advise, encourage, and assist the Junior Classical League.

Article III Governance

Section 1. National Senior Classical League. The LSCL shall be a subsidiary organization of the National Senior Classical League, hereinafter referred to as the NSCL. No provisions of this Constitution or its Bylaws shall be construed so as to conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of the NSCL.

Section 2. NSCL President and Parliamentarian. Once a year, the LSCL shall contact the Parliamentarian of the NSCL to ensure that the charter granted by the NSCL President remains in effect and that all necessary paperwork, including a copy of this constitution and a list of all LSCL members, has been filed properly and is up to date.

Section 3. Louisiana Junior Classical League. The Louisiana Junior Classical League, hereinafter referred to as the LJCL, shall exercise supervision of this organization at all events wherein both groups are present. These events include, but are not limited to, the

annual Fall Forum and the annual State Convention. Supervision will include, but is not limited to, communication from the LJCL State Chairs, or representatives chosen by the State Chairs, with the LSCL President or representatives chosen by the President. This communication will be in regards to events or activities wherein LSCL members' assistance is needed.

Article IV Amendment

Section 1. Origin of Amendments. Any member of this organization may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting such to the LSCL President. Furtherance of a proposed amendment requires accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSCL.

Section 2. Amendment Procedure. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be considered at the first annual meeting held following final approval by the ACL. The procedure shall be as follows:

- 2.1.** The LSCL President shall give notice of the proposed amendment no later than the final assembly of the annual meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.
- 2.2.** The LSCL Executive Board shall report to the membership the possible effect of the amendment and may recommend whether the proposed amendment ought to be ratified.
- 2.3.** The membership shall debate the proposed amendment.
- 2.4.** Voting shall take place.
- 2.5.** A three-fourths vote of the members present and voting shall be required for passage of a proposed amendment.

Article V Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership Classes and Eligibility. There shall be three types of members for this organization. These designations are "Prospective," "Regular," and "Associate."

- 1.1 Prospective.** Prospective members, hereinafter referred to as "Slashers," are members of the Louisiana Junior Classical League who are in their final year of secondary education. Designation as a Slasher begins at the opening of the first LJCL General Assembly at State Convention and continues until the closing of the final general assembly of the NJCL Convention of the summer following a student's graduation from high school. At LJCL Convention, Slashers are allowed to attend all SCL events that take place before curfew each night, with the exception of the SCL meeting that takes place during the first general assembly.
- 1.2 Regular.** Secondary school graduates shall be eligible for regular membership until the opening of the final assembly at the fifth annual meeting after their graduation. The rights of regular members include, but are not limited to, running

for and holding office in the LSCL and attending the LJCL State Convention as a member of LSCL and holding all rights and privileges thereof (including, but not limited to, access to the LSCL and LJCL Offices, assisting in the annual talent show, and the ability to disregard the Convention's curfew).

1.3. Associate. Secondary school graduates shall be eligible for associate membership from the opening of the final assembly at the fifth annual meeting following their graduation from high school. Associate members possess all the rights of regular members except eligibility to hold an LSCL elected office. Attending convention in another capacity, such as that of a chaperone, sponsor, or Convention Chair, does not preclude an individual's ability to attend as a member of LSCL, provided he or she has paid all necessary dues.

Section 2. Dues.

2.1. Prospective. Prospective members are not required to pay dues to attain the designation of "slasher."

2.2. Regular. Regular members are required to pay annual dues at a rate determined by the Executive Board. Annual dues must be paid by the end of LJCL State Convention and ensure membership until the end of the following State Convention. Prospective members wishing to become regular members are required to pay annual dues by the end of the NJCL Convention immediately following their graduation from high school.

2.3. Associate. Associate members are not required to pay dues. They are encouraged to donate to the organization to assist in its financial stability and the success of future events.

Article VI Officers

Section 1. Officers. The following officers are to be elected annually by the regular and prospective membership: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. Prior to the following year's LJCL Convention, a That's Entertainment Chair will be appointed by the President with the consent of the officers.

Section 2. Qualifications. An NSCL officer shall be a regular member of the LSCL. No member shall simultaneously hold two state offices. No elected officer shall hold the same office for two consecutive terms. NSCL officers must maintain their qualifications throughout their term. Failure to maintain qualifications shall constitute resignation from office.

Section 3. Nominations. Candidates for elected office shall be nominated from the floor of the final LSCL assembly of the annual LJCL State Convention. Any member may nominate an eligible member for office. Candidates so nominated may speak on their own behalf for up to three minutes.

Section 4. Election.

4.1. Time of Elections. The election of officers shall occur at the last assembly of the annual meeting. Election of each office shall occur in the order in which the

offices are listed in this document, 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 not remain present in the meeting throughout the election of the office for which they are a candidate.

4.3. Unsuccessful Candidates. An unsuccessful candidate may be nominated for another office at the election. Candidates so nominated may speak on their own behalf for up to two minutes.

4.4. Voting. Prospective and regular members shall vote by secret ballot. The President shall count the ballots. In the event that the President is running for an office, the next highest-ranking officer who is not a candidate in that election shall count the ballots. In the event that no such officer is available, an associate member shall count the ballots.

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

Section 5. Term.

5.1. Elected Officers. The President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year. The term shall begin upon inauguration at the close of the annual meeting.

5.2. Appointed Officers. The That's Entertainment Chair shall be appointed for a term of one year or until their successor is appointed. The term shall begin immediately upon appointment.

Section 6. Vacancy.

6.1. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-president.

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

Section 7. Removal.

7.1. An officer may be removed by decision of a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

7.2. Failure to attend the annual LJCL Convention shall constitute automatic removal from office.

Section 8. Duties.

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

- 8.1.1.** Chair the meetings of the membership and the Executive Board;
- 8.1.2.** Convene the membership, the Executive Board, or any committee, with cause;
- 8.1.3.** Coordinate alumni relations;
- 8.1.4.** Create and appoint any necessary committee;
- 8.1.5.** Delegate responsibility for which exercise is not otherwise provided;
- 8.1.6.** Have jurisdiction over the LSCL office at the LJCL Convention;
- 8.1.7.** Serve ex officio on all committees;
- 8.1.8.** Coordinate and oversee the duties of the officers;

8.1.9. Communicate with the LJCL State Chairs or their representatives and communicate all necessary information in turn to the relevant membership.

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

8.2.1. Assume the Presidency in the event of permanent vacancy of the position;

8.2.2. Perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or temporary inability to serve;

8.2.3. Assist the President.

8.3. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

8.3.1. Carefully record all proceedings of the membership or the Executive Board, and circulate these minutes to each officer after the meeting;

8.3.2. Maintain any business records or other official documents in good Order;

8.3.3. Maintain, in conjunction with the Treasurer, the roll of members and Alumni;

8.3.4. Make any document or record available to any member upon Request.

8.4. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

8.4.1. Collect any dues or fees or any routine debt owed to the Organization;

8.4.2. Deposit any income to the treasury and provide for its safekeeping in the organization's name;

8.4.3. Disburse funds as appropriated by the Executive Board;

8.4.4. Maintain, in conjunction with the Secretary, the roll of members and Alumni;

8.5. That's Entertainment Chair. The That's Entertainment Chair shall be exempt from regular LSCL responsibilities during the annual LJCL State Convention. During the talent show, he and his representatives shall be beholden to the LJCL State Chairs and their representatives only in the event of an emergency. The duties of the That's Entertainment Chair shall be as follows:

8.5.1. Select representatives from the regular and associate membership to assist in the planning and execution of the annual talent show at LJCL Convention;

8.5.2. Oversee the audition process of LJCL members; select acts; relay selected acts to the LJCL Editor for inclusion in the second day's Convention Ear publication;

8.5.3. Coordinate with the LJCL state officers regarding their contribution to the talent show;

8.5.4. Direct and oversee the annual talent show at LJCL Convention;

8.5.5. Select judges and oversee the judging process during the talent show.

Article VII Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The membership shall meet annually during the convention of the Louisiana Junior Classical League. An SCL member must be a delegate to the convention in order to participate in the meeting.

1.1. Assemblies. The annual meeting shall consist of not fewer than two assemblies. The Executive Board shall give notice of each assembly to registered delegates, through the convention program. The President may call a special assembly, not originally scheduled in the convention program, if required. Reasonable notice shall be provided for such assemblies. At least one meeting shall take place without prospective members in attendance, and at least one meeting shall include prospective members and serve as an introduction and invitation to the organization.

1.2. Agenda. The Executive Board, with the advice of the President, shall set the agenda of each assembly. Any member may introduce business onto the agenda by notice to the President prior to the assembly at which it is to be considered.

Section 2. Other Meetings. SCL members may meet to plan activities for convention or for any other reason, such as social gatherings or recruitment events, at any time. If the event makes use of LSCL funds, the event and the use of funds must both be approved by the Executive Board.

Article VIII Executive Board

Section 1. Composition. The four elected state officers, along with any additional representatives chosen by the President, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the LSCL between its meetings and shall transact business on its behalf, subject to the authority of the membership, the NSCL, and the LJCL State Chairs.

Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Board shall meet at the convention of the LJCL. A special meeting of the Executive Board may be held at the call of the President, or any two officers. A simple majority of the officers shall constitute a quorum.

Bylaws

I. Officer Election Procedures

A. Emergency Voting Procedure

- a. In the event that elections cannot be held physically at the annual State Convention, the sitting board must hold an election for all elected offices within 30 days of the scheduled date of State Convention.