

The Constitution and Bylaws of the
ALABAMA SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I
General

Section I. The name of this organization shall be the Alabama Senior Classical League, hereafter in this document referred to as ASCL.

Section II. The purpose 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 help the Alabama Junior Classical League.

Section III. The emblem shall be the torch of knowledge under the initials "ASCL," all encircled by a laurel wreath.

Section IV. This organization is affiliated with the National Senior Classical League (NSCL), the Alabama Junior Classical League (AJCL), and the American Classical League (ACL). No act of this organization or section of this constitution or its bylaws may conflict or be construed as to conflict with the constitution, bylaws, or acts of its affiliated organizations.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section I. The paramount legislative authority of this organization resides in the membership. Membership gives one the right to attend ASCL functions, vote, run for office, and submit amendment proposals to the constitution or the bylaws upon prior approval by the ASCL adviser. However, the AJCL and its Executive Board may at any time have the right to nullify an amendment.

Section II. In order to join the ASCL, it is not necessary to be a classics major, to be taking Latin or Greek courses, or to have had prior membership in the AJCL.

Section III. There shall be three types of membership in the ASCL: two active and one inactive. Active membership is defined as primary and secondary membership, both of which shall have full membership and shall hold aforementioned membership from the time of payment of dues until the time in which that type of membership has expired. Tertiary membership is an inactive membership and operates as a volunteer membership.

A. Primary Membership

1. Primary membership enjoys all the rights of full membership as outlined in Article II, Section 1 of the ASCL constitution.
2. Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for primary membership until the election of officers at the fifth annual meeting after their graduation from high school.
3. A senior graduating from high school may join in the year of their graduation. Graduating seniors may participate in ASCL activities, including voting, but shall be governed by the rules of the AJCL.
 - a. A graduating senior, as a primary member, enjoys the rights of full membership privileges aforementioned in this document and is eligible to run for ASCL office at the ASCL annual meeting in the year of their graduation under the conditions set at that year's annual meeting, in Article III, Section 3 of the ASCL Constitution, and in Article III of the ASCL Bylaws.

B. Secondary Membership

1. Secondary membership enjoys rights of full membership except the ability to hold office.
2. Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for secondary membership from the opening of the fifth annual meeting after their graduation from high school and shall remain a member until the end of the ninth annual meeting after their graduation from high school.

C. Tertiary Membership

1. Upon the conclusion of a member's ninth annual meeting after their graduation from high school, the member is eligible to enter tertiary membership.
2. Tertiary members may not take an active role in the governance of the ASCL, including holding office, voting or proposing legislation, but may attend conventions and participate in all other activities.

Section IV. The ASCL may charter sections of local chapters, which shall be specified in Article I of the bylaws of the ASCL.

ARTICLE III Governance

Section I. The Executive Board of AJCL shall serve as an advisory committee for ASCL. The Executive Board of AJCL shall be represented in all ASCL matters by the ASCL Advisor, who in turn shall act as a liaison for ASCL in all meetings of AJCL. No section of this constitution or its bylaws shall be construed so as to conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Acts of AJCL.

Section II. The membership shall annually elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. The President-Elect, with the consensus of the officers-elect and the advisor, shall appoint a Historian and Communication Coordinator.

Section III. Only primary members are eligible for ASCL office. A candidate must have studied the classics in secondary or post-secondary school. A candidate for President or Vice-President must have attended at least one prior annual meeting as an ASCL member to be eligible for either ASCL office

Section IV. No member shall hold concurrently more than one elected office. No member shall be elected to the same office at two consecutive annual meetings.

Section V. The membership of the ASCL shall hold elections at the annual meeting of the membership. Nominations shall be taken from the floor of the assembly and time shall be allotted for each candidate to speak on their own behalf, as specified in Section III of the ASCL Bylaws.

Section VI. The executive authority of the organization resides in an Executive board, which shall consist of the elected and appointed officers, and the ASCL 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, the AJCL Constitution and Bylaws, and the Executive Board of AJCL.

Section VII. The Executive Board shall meet at the AJCL Convention as early as possible before the convention has been called to order. A special meeting of the Executive Board shall be held upon the call of the President, the Advisor, or any two officers. A simple majority of officers shall constitute a quorum. The Advisor is not counted in the quorum.

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

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section I. The membership shall meet annually during the convention of the Alabama Junior Classical League. Only ASCL members who are delegates to the convention shall participate in this meeting. The bylaws shall prescribe a registration fee, payment of which shall entitle an eligible member to participate in the meeting.

Section II. At any assembly of the ASCL membership during the annual meeting for which public notice has been given at least 24 hours prior to the assembly, the members present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Amendments

Section I. Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution or the bylaws by written notice to the President and the Parliamentarian, which amendment shall have been submitted in proper form to the AJCL. Any furtherance of a proposed amendment requires the approval of the AJCL Executive Board.

Section II. The membership shall consider any proposed amendments to this constitution at the first annual meeting held after its acceptance by the AJCL Executive Board. The ASCL Executive Board shall report to the membership the possible effect of the amendment.

Section III. The President, or Parliamentarian, shall give notice of any proposed amendments to this constitution at the first assembly of the annual meeting, and shall explain the procedure for further amendment.

Section IV. The vote to ratify a proposed amendment to this constitution shall occur at the last assembly of the annual meeting, unless postponed by the Executive board or the membership.

Section V. The membership shall ratify a proposed amendment to this constitution by a two-thirds vote.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Charters

Section I. The Executive Board may grant charters to, or revoke the charter of local chapters of the ASCL. The President shall encourage the organization of new chapters however possible, and may grant temporary charters pending action by the Executive Board.

Section II. Any five members may organize a local chapter, which shall be affiliated with a college/university or with a local chapter of the Junior Classical League, if possible, and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the ASCL.

Section III. In order to request a charter from the Executive Board, the President of the newly formed chapter must:

- A. Inform the President and Parliamentarian of its intentions of forming a recognized chapter.
- B. Provide a list of at least five members and dues for those members who are not already a member of the ASCL. The membership list must be sent to the ASCL President and Parliamentarian. Dues are to be sent to the ASCL Treasurer or person(s) in charge of financials.

Section IV. Funding will not be provided by the ASCL, NSCL, AJCL, or any other related organizations; if funding is needed, the chapter must request funding from their hosting school or university.

Section 5: No chapter shall adopt a constitution, bylaws, or policy that is in direct contradiction to the NSCL Constitution and Bylaws or its policies, the ASCL Constitution and Bylaws or its policies, or the AJCL Constitution and Bylaws.

Section VI. Once qualifications for charter are met, the Executive Board shall assign a chapter name, and each chapter shall cooperate with the national and state organizations however possible and shall submit all necessary materials to maintain its charter as outlined in the subsections below.

- A. In order to be in good standing with the ASCL and an Active charter of the ASCL, each chapter must:
 1. Provide a current list of each type of member in the chapter sent to the President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian annually, including a primary contact who shall be in direct communication with the ASCL,
 2. Send dues for new members of the chapter with corresponding documentation to the Treasurer or person(s) in charge of financials,
 3. Be in good standing with their respective school or university,
 4. Be in constant communication with the ASCL, and

5. Uphold the expectations of the NSCL, ASCL, and AJCL Constitutions, their Bylaws, and their policies.

Section VII. Chapters who do not follow the required producers in order to stay in good standing with the ASCL shall be considered an Inactive Charter and could face revocation of their charter status. The Executive Board shall notify the primary contact of the charter of its Inactive status; the notified chapter must provide the required credentials or explanation of inactivity. If the chapter does not notify the Executive board by the next annual meeting of the ASCL, the Executive Board shall vote to revoke the charter of the chapter. A two-thirds vote must be drawn for the charter to be revoked

ARTICLE II

Dues

Section I. The dues of a primary member of the ASCL shall be determined by the ASCL Executive Board and the NSCL Executive Board.

Section II. The dues of a secondary member of the ASCL shall be determined by the ASCL Executive Board and the NSCL Executive Board.

Section III. Tertiary members shall have the privilege of paying no dues for the remainder of their inactive membership.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section I. The nomination and election of officers shall occur at the last assembly of the annual meeting. Any member may nominate an eligible member for office. Each candidate nominated may then speak on their own behalf for an allotted time decided by the members present at the voting assembly. Any member may then discuss or question any candidate, who may respond. Each candidate may remain present in the meeting throughout the election. Elections shall occur for each office in the order in which the offices are listed in the Constitution, with winners being announced for each office before election for the next office begins. An unsuccessful candidate may be nominated for another office at the election.

Section II. Voting

- A. The members shall vote by secret ballot, or another method approved by the assembly. The President, Parliamentarian, and the Advisor shall count the votes; but, if the President or Parliamentarian is a candidate, then the three shall jointly appoint an impartial member to replace the candidate as teller.
- B. A registered delegate who has attended at least one assembly prior to the assembly of the elections, and who was present for the speeches is an eligible voter. The Parliamentarian shall note who attends all or part of any assembly before the election, in order to make a list of voting delegates.

- C. Election shall occur by majority. In uncontested elections, if the candidate does not receive a majority of the votes available, the candidate is not elected and the office is vacated. The newly-elected Executive Board shall appoint an eligible member to the office.
- D. In contested elections, if no candidate receives a majority, then the delegates shall vote again, voting only upon the two leading candidates. If, after the delegates vote a second time no candidate has received a majority, then the elections shall devolve upon the newly-elected Executive Board.

Section III. If the Presidency becomes vacant, then the Vice-President shall immediately become President.

- A. If the Presidency-Elect becomes vacant, then the election of Vice-President shall commence, after which the new Vice-President-Elect shall immediately become President-Elect and the office of Vice-President will be vacant.

Section IV. If an elected office besides the Presidency becomes vacant, then the President, with a consensus of the Executive Board and Advisor, shall appoint a qualified successor, who shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section V. Each elected officers shall begin their term at their inauguration and announcements into office at the AJCL closing assembly. Each appointed officer shall begin their term of office upon appointment.

Section VI. Impeachment

- A. Grounds for Removal: The ASCL shall have the power to remove any of its officers as provided in this section. The grounds for such removal shall be based on the following:
 - 1. Violation of this constitution, its bylaws, or constitution rules;
 - 2. Abuse of office;
 - 3. Negligence in their duties; and,
 - 4. Any behavior unbecoming of an officer.
- B. Removal Procedure: The following shall be the procedure for the expulsion of an officer from the Executive Board. The process shall not exceed a 30-day time limit.
 - 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 at least five members of the general membership. The resolution must be submitted in writing, along with any reason for the dismissal, to the ASCL Advisor and the AJCL.
 - 2. A copy of the charges shall be distributed to every officer, and the officer in question shall be guaranteed the opportunity to make an adequate defense on their own behalf.
 - 3. After the officer in question has 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.

ARTICLE IV
Duties of the Advisor and Officers

Section I. Duties of the Advisor

- A. Report to the AJCL Executive Board concerning all ASCL matters;
- B. Work cooperatively with the Classical Association of Alabama;
- C. Advise the ASCL Executive Board and the membership;
- D. Maintain a current record of the Treasury;
- E. Approves disbursement from the Treasury and assist the elected Treasurer to complete necessary financial reports;
- F. Oversee all events in which the ASCL is involved;
- G. Serve on the ASCL Scholarship Committee; and,
- H. Oversee any other tasks outlined by the AJCL Executive Board.

Section II. Duties of the President:

- A. Preside over the membership and the Executive Board;
- B. Convene the membership, the Executive Board, or any committee, with cause;
- C. Coordinate membership promotion and alumni relations;
- D. Create and appoint necessary committee;
- E. Delegate responsibility whose exercise is not otherwise provided for;
- F. Assist local chapters in their organizing and granting temporary charters to these chapters at their discretion;
- G. Serve ex officio to each committee; and,
- H. Coordinate and oversee the duties of the officers.

Section III. Duties of the Vice-President

- A. Assume the Presidency upon any permanent vacancy of that position;
- B. Execute the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or temporary inability to serve;
- C. Assist the President; and
- D. Organize the work at the state convention of the Alabama Junior Classical League through committees, appointed by and responsible to him or her, with jurisdiction over Ludi events, the mixer, Olympika, and the talent show.

Section IV. Duties of the Secretary

- A. Carefully record all proceedings of the membership or the Executive Board, and circulate these minutes to each officer after the meeting;
- B. Maintain any business records or other official documents in good order;
- C. Maintain, in conjunction with the Treasurer, the roll of members and alumni; and
- D. Make any document or record available to any members upon request.

Section V. Duties of the Treasurer

- A. Collect any dues or fees or any routine debt owed to the organization;
- B. Keep records of ASCL finances and assets;
- C. Deposit any income to the treasury and provide for its safekeeping in the organization's name;
- D. Disburse funds as appropriated by the Executive Board and the Advisor; and
- E. Recommend an annual budget to the Executive Board for approval by the National Committee.

Section VI. Duties of the Parliamentarian

- A. Maintain parliamentary order and procedure at all ASCL meetings;
- B. Administer the election of officers;
- C. Advise any officer or other member of procedure; and
- D. Work with local chapters toward the maintenance of their permanent charters.

Section VII. Duties of the Historian

- A. Prepare an ongoing historical record; and
- B. Assist the ASCL Communication Coordinator in updating the League's various social media webpages with photos.

Section VIII. Duties of the Communication Coordinator

- A. To manage the ASCL webpage; and
- B. To update and manage the League's various social media webpages.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section I. The annual meeting shall consist of no fewer than three assemblies. The Executive Board shall give notice of each assembly to each registered delegate, through the convention program, if possible.

- A. The President may call a special assembly during the convention after reasonable notice to each registered delegate, in which case a simple majority of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum.
- B. The Executive Board, with the advice of the President, the Advisor, and the Parliamentarian, shall set the agenda of each assembly. Any member may introduce business onto the agenda by written notice to the President or Parliamentarian or Advisor before the convention.

Section II. The President or the Executive Board may, with cause, call a Special Meeting of the membership. All primary and secondary members shall be given one month's prior notice of this meeting. The number of members present at this meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

Amendment

Section I. The procedure for amendment of these Bylaws shall be the same as the procedure for the amendment of the ASCL Constitution, as described in Article V of that document.