

1 The Constitution and Bylaws of the
2 FLORIDA SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

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7 **CONSTITUTION**

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9 **ARTICLE I**

10 **General**

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12 **Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Florida Senior Classical League, hereafter
13 in this document referred to as FSCL.

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15 **Section 2.** The purpose of this organization shall be to enhance and promote the appreciation of
16 the classics and classical scholarship in post-secondary education, and to advise, encourage, and
17 help the Florida Junior Classical League.

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19 **Section 3.** The emblem shall be the torch of knowledge under the initials "FSCL," all encircled
20 by a laurel wreath.

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22 **Section 4.** This organization is affiliated with the National Senior Classical League, the Classical
23 Association of Florida, and the American Classical league. No act of this organization or section
24 of this constitution or its bylaws may conflict or be construed as to conflict with the constitution,
25 bylaws, or acts or its affiliated organizations.

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27 **ARTICLE II**

28 **Membership**

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30 **Section 1.** The paramount legislative authority of this organization resides in the membership.
31 Membership gives one the right to attend FSCL functions, vote, run for office, and submit
32 amendment proposals to the constitution or the bylaws upon prior approval by the FSCL adviser.
33 However, the CAF and its Executive Board may at any time have the right to nullify an
34 amendment.

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36 **Section 2.** In order to join the FSCL, it is not necessary to be a classics major, to be taking Latin
37 or Greek courses, or to have had prior membership in the FJCL.

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39 **Section 3.** There shall be three types of membership in the FSCL: two active and one inactive.
40 Active membership is defined as primary and secondary membership, both of which shall have
41 full membership and shall hold aforementioned membership from the time of payment of dues
42 until the time in which that type of membership has expired. Tertiary membership is an inactive
43 membership and operates as a volunteer membership.

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45 A. Primary Membership

- 46 1. Primary membership enjoys all the rights of full membership as outlined in Article II,
47 Section 1 of the FSCL constitution.
- 48 2. Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for primary membership until the
49 election of officers at the fifth annual meeting after their graduation from high school.
- 50 3. A senior graduating from high school may join in the year of their graduation.
51 Graduating seniors may participate in FSCL activities, including voting, but shall be
52 governed by the rules of the FJCL.
- 53 a. A graduating senior, as a primary member, enjoys the rights of full
54 membership privileges aforementioned in this document and is eligible to run
55 for FSCL office at the FSCL annual meeting in the year of their graduation
56 under the conditions set at that year's annual meeting, in Article III, Section 3
57 of the FSCL Constitution, and in Article III of the FSCL Bylaws.
- 58 B. Secondary Membership
- 59 1. Secondary membership enjoys rights of full membership except the ability to hold
60 office.
- 61 2. Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for secondary membership from the
62 opening of the fifth annual meeting after their graduation from high school and shall
63 remain a member until the end of the ninth annual meeting after their graduation from
64 high school.
- 65 C. Tertiary Membership
- 66 1. Upon the conclusion of a member's ninth annual meeting after their graduation from
67 high school, the member is eligible to enter tertiary membership.
- 68 2. Tertiary members may not take an active role in the governance of the FSCL,
69 including holding office, voting or proposing legislation, but may attend conventions
70 and participate in all other activities.

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72 **Section 4.** The FSCL may charter sections of local chapters, which shall be specified in Article I
73 of the bylaws of the FSCL.

74 75 **ARTICLE III** 76 **Governance**

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78 **Section 1.** The Executive Board of CAF shall serve as an advisory committee for FSCL. The
79 Executive Board of CAF shall be represented in all FSCL matters by the FSCL Advisor, who in
80 turn shall act as a liaison for FSCL in all meetings of CAF. No section of this constitution or its
81 bylaws shall be construed so as to conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Acts of CAF.

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83 **Section 2.** The membership shall annually elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary,
84 Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. The President-Elect, with the consensus of the officers-elect and
85 the advisor, shall appoint a Historian and Technology Coordinator.

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87 **Section 3.** Only primary members are eligible for FSCL office. A candidate must have studied
88 the classics in secondary or post-secondary school. A candidate for President or Vice-President
89 must have attended at least one prior annual meeting as an FSCL member to be eligible for either
90 FSCL office

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92 **Section 4.** No member shall hold concurrently more than one elected office. No member shall be
93 elected to the same office at two consecutive annual meetings.

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95 **Section 5.** The membership of the FSCL shall hold elections at the annual meeting of the
96 membership. Nominations shall be taken from the floor of the assembly and time shall be
97 allotted for each candidate to speak on their own behalf, as specified in Section III of the FSCL
98 Bylaws.

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100 **Section 6.** The executive authority of the organization resides in an Executive board, which shall
101 consist of the elected and appointed officers, and the FSCL Advisor as a nonvoting member. The
102 board shall supervise the affairs of the organization between its meetings and shall transact
103 business on its behalf, subject to the authority of the membership, the CAF Constitution and
104 Bylaws, and the Executive Board of CAF.

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106 **Section 7.** The Executive Board shall meet at the FJCL Convention as early as possible before
107 the convention has been called to order. A special meeting of the Executive Board shall be held
108 upon the call of the President, the Advisor, or any two officers. A simple majority of officers
109 shall constitute a quorum. The Advisor is not counted in the quorum.

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111 **Section 8.** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised
112 shall govern FSCL in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not
113 inconsistent with this constitution and these bylaws and any special rules of order FSCL may
114 adopt.

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116 **ARTICLE IV**

117 **Meetings**

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119 **Section 1.** The membership shall meet annually during the convention of the Florida Junior
120 Classical League. Only FSCL members who are delegates to the convention shall participate in
121 this meeting. The bylaws shall prescribe a registration fee, payment of which shall entitle an
122 eligible member to participate in the meeting.

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124 **Section 2.** At any assembly of the FSCL membership during the annual meeting for which public
125 notice has been given at least 24 hours prior to the assembly, the members present shall
126 constitute a quorum.

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128 **ARTICLE V**

129 **Amendments**

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131 **Section 1.** Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution or the bylaws by written
132 notice to the President and the Parliamentarian, which amendment shall have been submitted in

133 proper form to the CAF. Any furtherance of a proposed amendment requires the approval of the
134 CAF Executive Board.

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136 **Section 2.** The membership shall consider any proposed amendment to this constitution at the
137 first annual meeting held after its acceptance by the CAF Executive Board. The FSCL Executive
138 Board shall report to the membership the possible effect of the amendment.

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140 **Section 3.** The President, or Parliamentarian, shall give notice of any proposed amendment to
141 this constitution at the first assembly of the annual meeting, and shall explain the procedure for
142 further amendment.

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144 **Section 4.** The vote to ratify a proposed amendment to this constitution shall occur at the last
145 assembly of the annual meeting, unless postponed by the Executive board or the membership.

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147 **Section 5.** The membership shall ratify a proposed amendment to this constitution by two-thirds
148 vote.

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153 BYLAWS

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155 ARTICLE I

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156 Charters

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158 **Section 1.** The Executive Board may grant charters to, or revoke the charters of local chapters of
159 the FSCL. The President shall encourage the organization of new chapters however possible, and
160 may grant temporary charters pending action by the Executive Board.

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162 **Section 2.** Any five members may organize a local chapter, which shall be affiliated with a
163 college/university or with a local chapter of the Junior Classical League, if possible, and shall be
164 subject to the jurisdiction of the FSCL.

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166 **Section 3.** In order to request a charter from the Executive Board, the President of the newly
167 formed chapter must:

168 A. Inform the President and Parliamentarian of its intentions of forming a recognized
169 chapter.

170 B. Provide a list of at least five members and dues for those members who are not already a
171 member of the FSCL. The membership list must be sent to the FSCL President and
172 Parliamentarian. Dues are to be sent to the FSCL Treasurer or person(s) in charge of
173 financials.

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175 **Section 4.** Funding will not be provided by the FSCL, NSCL, CAF, or any other related
176 organizations; if funding is needed, the chapter must request funding from their hosting school or
177 university.

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179 **Section 5:** No chapter shall adopt a constitution, bylaws, or policy that is in direct contradiction
180 to the NSCL Constitution and Bylaws or its policies, the FSCL Constitution and Bylaws or its
181 policies, or the CAF Constitution and Bylaws.

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183 **Section 6.** Once qualifications for charter are met, the Executive Board shall assign a chapter
184 name, and each chapter shall cooperate with the national and state organizations however
185 possible and shall submit all necessary materials to maintain its charter as outlined in the
186 subsections below.

- 187 A. In order to be in good-standing with the FSCL and an Active charter of the FSCL, each
188 chapter must:
- 189 1. Provide current list of each type of member in the chapter sent to the President,
190 Secretary, and Parliamentarian annually, including a primary contact who shall be
191 in direct communication with the FSCL,
 - 192 2. Send dues for new members of the chapter with corresponding documentation to
193 the Treasurer or person(s) in charge of financials,
 - 194 3. Be in good-standing with their respective school or university,
 - 195 4. Be in constant communication with the FSCL, and
 - 196 5. Uphold the expectations of the NSCL, FSCL, and CAF Constitutions, their
197 Bylaws, and their policies.

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199 **Section 7.** Chapters who do not follow the required producers in order to stay in good-standing
200 with the FSCL shall be considered an Inactive Charter and could face revocation of their charter
201 status. The Executive Board shall notify the primary contact of the charter of its Inactive status;
202 the notified chapter must provide the required credentials or explanation of inactivity. If the
203 chapter does not notify the Executive board by the next annual meeting of the FSCL, the
204 Executive Board shall vote to revoke the charter of the chapter. A two-thirds vote must be drawn
205 for the charter to be revoked

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207 **ARTICLE II**
208 **Dues**

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210 **Section 1.** The dues of a primary member of the FSCL shall be five dollars for four years.

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212 **Section 2.** The dues of a secondary member of the FSCL shall be five dollars for four years.

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214 **Section 3.** Tertiary members shall have the privilege of paying no dues for the remainder of their
215 inactive membership.

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217 **ARTICLE III**
218 **Officers**

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220 **Section 1.** The nomination and election of officers shall occur at the last assembly of the annual
221 meeting. Any member may nominate an eligible member for office. Each candidate nominated
222 may then speak on their own behalf for an allotted time decided by the members present at the
223 voting assembly. Any member may then discuss or question any candidate, who may respond.
224 Each candidate may remain present in the meeting throughout the election. Elections shall occur

225 for each office in the order in which the offices are listed in the Constitution, with winners being
226 announced for each office before election for the next office begins. An unsuccessful candidate
227 may be nominated for another office at the election.
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229 **Section 2. Voting**
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- 231 A. The members shall vote by secret ballot, or another method approved by the assembly.
232 The President, the Parliamentarian, and the Advisor shall count the votes; but, if the
233 President or Parliamentarian is a candidate, then the three shall jointly appoint an
234 impartial member to replace the candidate as teller.
- 235 B. A registered delegate who has attended at least one assembly prior to the assembly of the
236 elections, and who was present for the speeches is an eligible voter. The Parliamentarian
237 shall note who attends all or part of any assembly before the election, in order to make a
238 list of voting delegates.
- 239 C. Election shall occur by majority. In uncontested elections, if the candidate does not
240 receive a majority of the votes available, the candidate is not elected and the office is
241 vacated. The newly-elected Executive Board shall appoint an eligible member to the
242 office.
- 243 D. In contested elections, if no candidate receives a majority, then the delegates shall vote
244 again, voting only upon the two leading candidates. If, after the delegates vote a second
245 time no candidate has received a majority, then the elections shall devolve upon the
246 newly-elected Executive Board.
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248 **Section 3.** If the Presidency becomes vacant, then the Vice-President shall immediately become
249 President.

- 250 A. If the Presidency-Elect becomes vacant, then the election of Vice-President shall
251 commence, after which the new Vice-President-Elect shall immediately become
252 President-Elect and the office of Vice-President will be vacant.
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254 **Section 4.** If an elected office besides the Presidency becomes vacant, then the President, with a
255 consensus of the Executive Board and Advisor, shall appoint a qualified successor, who shall
256 serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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258 **Section 5.** Each elected officer shall begin their term at their inauguration and announcement
259 into office at the FJCL closing assembly. Each appointed officer shall begin their term of office
260 upon appointment.
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262 **Section 6. Impeachment**
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- 264 A. Grounds for Removal: The FSCL shall have the power to remove any of its officers as
265 provided in this section. The grounds for such removal shall be based on the following:
266 1. Violation of this constitution, its bylaws, or constitution rules;
267 2. Abuse of office;
268 3. Negligence in their duties; and,
269 4. Any behavior unbecoming of an officer.

- 270 B. Removal Procedure: The following shall be the procedure for the expulsion of an officer
271 from the Executive Board. The process shall not exceed a 30-day time limit.
272 1. A resolution by the Executive Board to consider the removal of an officer can be
273 introduced by any member of the Executive Board, or by a petition bearing the
274 signatures of at least five members of the general membership. The resolution must
275 be submitted in writing, along with any reason for the dismissal, to the FSCL Advisor
276 and the CAF.
277 2. A copy of the charges shall be distributed to every officer, and the officer in question
278 shall be guaranteed the opportunity to make an adequate defense on their own behalf.
279 3. After the officer in question has finished their defense, a two-thirds vote of the
280 Executive Board shall be necessary to remove the officer. No officer shall be denied
281 proceedings aimed at their removal.
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283 **ARTICLE IV**
284 **Duties of the Advisor and Officers**

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286 **Section 1. Duties of the Advisor**

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288 A. Report to the CAF Executive Board concerning all FSCL matters;
289 B. Work cooperatively with the Classical Association of Florida;
290 C. Advise the FSCL Executive Board and the membership;
291 D. Maintain a current record of the Treasury;
292 E. Approves disbursement from the Treasury and assist the elected Treasurer to complete
293 necessary financial reports;
294 F. Oversee all events in which the FSCL is involved;
295 G. Serve on the FSCL Scholarship Committee; and,
296 H. Oversee any other tasks outlined by the CAF Executive Board.
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298 **Section 2. Duties of the President:**

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300 A. Preside over the membership and the Executive Board;
301 B. Convene the membership, the Executive Board, or any committee, with cause;
302 C. Coordinate membership promotion and alumni relations;
303 D. Create and appoint necessary committee;
304 E. Delegate responsibility whose exercise is not otherwise provided for;
305 F. Assist local chapters in their organizing and granting temporary charters to these chapters
306 at their discretion;
307 G. Serve ex officio to each committee; and,
308 H. Coordinate and oversee the duties of the officers.
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310 **Section 3. Duties of the Vice-President**

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312 A. Assume the Presidency upon any permanent vacancy of that position;

- 313 B. Execute the duties of the President in the event of the President’s absence or temporary
314 inability to serve;
315 C. Assist the President; and,
316 D. Organize the work at the state convention of the Florida Junior Classical League through
317 committees, appointed by and responsible to him or her, with jurisdiction over Ludi
318 events, the mixer, Olympika, and the talent show.

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320 **Section 4. Duties of the Secretary**

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

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328 **Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer**

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

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338 **Section 6. Duties of the Parliamentarian**

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

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345 **Section 7. Duties of the Historian**

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- 347 A. Prepare an ongoing historical record; and
348 B. Assist the FSCL Technology Coordinator in updating the League’s various social media
349 webpages with photos.

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351 **Section 8. Duties of the Technology Coordinator**

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- 353 A. To manage the FSCL webpage; and,
354 B. To update and manage the League’s various social media webpages.

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356 **ARTICLE V**
357 **Meetings**

358 **Section 1.** The annual meeting shall consist of no fewer than three assemblies. The Executive
360 Board shall give notice of each assembly to each registered delegate, through the convention
361 program, if possible.

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

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371 **Section 2.** The President or the Executive Board may, with cause, call a Special Meeting of the
372 membership. All primary and secondary members shall be given one month's prior notice of this
373 meeting. The number of members present at this meeting shall constitute a quorum.

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375 **ARTICLE VI**
376 **Amendment**

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378 **Section 1.** The procedure for amendment of these Bylaws shall be the same as the procedure for
379 the amendment of the FSCL Constitution, as described in Article V of that document.

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