

The Constitution of the Texas Senior Classical League

2017-2018

Article I. Name and Emblem

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Texas Senior Classical League, hereafter referred to in this document as the TXSCL.

Section 2. Supremacy of the NSCL

This organization shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the National Senior Classical League, hereafter referred to in this document as the NSCL. In all cases that the NSCL constitution and this constitution are inconsistent, the NSCL constitution shall take precedence.

Section 3. Emblem

The Emblem shall be independent from the NSCL, and shall have the initials TXSCL.

Article II. Objectives

Section 1. Responsibilities of the TXSCL

- A. The TXSCL shall strive to enhance and promote appreciation of the classics and classical scholarship in post-secondary education.
- B. The TXSCL shall advise, encourage, and help the Junior Classical League, especially the Texas State Junior Classical League

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Authority of the Membership

The paramount legislative authority of this organization resides in the membership. The explicit mention of certain powers of the membership does not deny or disparage its exercise of others. The membership can amend the constitution or bylaws.

Section 2. Types of Membership and Their Qualifications

There shall be two types of membership in the TXSCL: Regular and Associate Membership. Regular and Associate membership shall be held from the time of payment of dues for that type of membership until the time of eligibility for that type of membership has expired. The Bylaws of the TXSCL shall prescribe the dues and qualifications for Regular and Associate membership in accordance with the dues and qualifications of the NSCL. All members of the TXSCL must be members in good standing with the TXSCL.

A. Regular Membership

Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for regular membership until the election of officers at the fifth annual meeting after his or her graduation. The rights of Regular Members of the TXSCL are described in this constitution and in the bylaws of the TXSCL.

B. Associate Membership

Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for associate membership from the opening of the fifth until the end of the ninth annual meetings after their graduation from High School. An Associate Member shall enjoy every right that a Regular Member enjoys, except eligibility to hold state office.

Section 3. Local Chapters

Any Texas College/University may petition to be recognized as a local chapter of the TXSCL. To be recognized as a local chapter, the board of the proposed chapter must email the TXSCL Secretary with a Petition for Chapter Recognition. The petition must include a roster of a minimum of three dues-paying members of the TXSCL, a local constitution/governing document which shall be reviewed by the TXSCL Parliamentarian, and the names, emails, phone numbers, and college/university of the chapter's officers. TXSCL shall impose no fee for the submission of a Petition for Chapter Recognition. TXSCL is not affiliated with any local events of the chapter, except official TXSCL or TSJCL events.

Article IV. Governance

Section 1. Elected Officers

The membership annually shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian. The Qualifications for running for these offices are as follows: Must have studied the classics before, are regular members in good standing, and have attended the TSJCL State convention previously.

Section 2. Elections

The membership of the TXSCL shall hold elections annually at the National Junior Classical League convention. Nominations shall be taken from the floor of the assembly. Time shall be allowed for each candidate to speak on his or her own behalf. Officers shall be elected by popular vote. The Bylaws of this constitution may further describe the election procedure.

Section 3. Executive Board

The general executive authority resides in the Executive Board, which shall consist of the six elected officers, the Liaison, and the Advisor. The board shall supervise the affairs of the organization between its meeting and transact business on its behalf, subject to the authority of the membership.

A. Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet at TSJCL Board Meetings, TSJCL State Convention, and NJCL Conventions. A special meeting of the Executive Board shall be held upon the call of the president or any two officers. A simple majority of officers shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the TXSCL in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and these bylaws and any special rules of order that the TXSCL may adopt.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The membership shall meet annually during the convention of the Texas Junior Classical League and during the convention of the National Junior Classical League. Only SCL members and prospective high school seniors (or “slashers”) who are delegates at the convention shall participate in the meeting. The bylaws shall prescribe a registration fee, payment of which shall entitle an eligible member to be a convention delegate.

Section 2. Quorum

At any assembly of the TXSCL membership, during the annual meeting for which public notice has been given at least 24 hours prior to the assembly, a majority of the members present when the meeting is called to order shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Bylaws

Section 1. Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal

Bylaws to this constitution shall be adopted, amended, or repealed by a two-third vote of the Executive Board or a majority vote at a meeting of the membership at an annual meeting.

Section 2. Supremacy of this Constitution

In all cases that this constitution and the bylaws are inconsistent, this constitution shall take precedence.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. Proposal

Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution or the bylaws by written notice to the President and the Parliamentarian.

Section 2. Consideration

The membership shall consider any proposed amendment to this constitution at the first meeting after the submission to the President and the Parliamentarian.

The Executive Board shall report to the membership the possible effect of the amendment and may recommend whether or not the proposed amendment should be ratified.

Section 3. Presentation

The Parliamentarian shall give notice of any proposed amendment to this constitution at the first assembly of the meeting directly following the submission of the amendment, and shall explain the procedure for further amendment.

Section 4. Procedure

The vote to ratify a proposed amendment to this constitution shall occur at the penultimate assembly of the annual meeting at the TSJCL State convention, unless postponed by the Executive Board or the membership.

Section 6. Ratification

The membership shall ratify an amendment to this constitution by a two-thirds vote.

Article VIII. Revision

Section 1. Revising the Constitution and Bylaws

The Executive Board, as a whole, shall amend this constitution and bylaws every five years. The Executive Board and the membership at the annual meeting at the TSJCL State Convention shall vote upon these revisions.