

The Constitution of the National Senior Classical League

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 Name

The name of this organization is the National Senior Classical League hereafter in this document referred to as NSCL.

Section 2 Objective

The objectives of this organization are to enhance and promote the appreciation of the classics and classical scholarship in postsecondary education, and to advise, encourage, and help the Junior Classical League.

Section 3 Emblem

The emblem shall be the torch of knowledge under the initials “SCL,” all encircled by a laurel wreath.

Section 4 Affiliation

This organization is in affiliation with the American Classical League, the parent organization of the Junior Classical League, through its Committee on the National Junior and Senior Classical Leagues (hereafter referred to in this document as the National Committee).

ARTICLE II MEMBERS

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 upon prior approval by the National Committee and the American Classical League.

Section 2 Types of Membership and their Qualifications

There shall be two types of membership in the NSCL, which shall be called regular and associate. Regular and associate memberships shall be held for the time of payment of dues for that type of membership, until the time that eligibility for that type of membership has expired. The bylaws of the NSCL shall prescribe the dues for regular and associate membership.

Section 2.1 Regular Membership

Any secondary school graduate shall be eligible for regular membership until the election of officers at the fifth annual meeting after his graduation. A graduation senior may join at the annual meeting of the state SCL chapter in the year of his graduation. If he attends the NJCL convention immediately following his graduation from high school, he shall be governed by the rules for an NJCL delegate, although he may participate in NSCL activities. The rights of regular members of the NSCL are described in this constitution and in the bylaws of the NSCL.

Section 2.2 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 meeting after his graduation from high school. An associate member shall enjoy every right that a regular member enjoys except eligibility to hold national office.

Section 3 Chapters

The NSCL may charter state and local chapters of its organization. Procedure for such charters, along with requirements for and obligations of state and local chapters, shall be specified in the Bylaws and the Handbook of the NSCL.

ARTICLE III GOVERNANCE

Section 1

The National Committee is a standing committee of the American Classical League. The Committee shall be represented in all NSCL matters by the Olympika Contest Chair, who shall serve as the NSCL Advisor. No section of this constitution or its bylaws shall be construed so as to conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Acts of The American Classical League. The American Classical League Constitution and Bylaws govern the appointment of the members of the National Committee.

Section 2 Officers

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

Section 3 Qualifications

Only regular members are eligible for NSCL office. A candidate must have studied the classics in secondary or postsecondary school. A candidate for President or Vice-President must have attended at least one prior annual meeting as an NSCL member to be eligible for any elected NSCL office.

Section 3.1 Rules Involving Multiple Offices

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 4 Elections

The membership of the NSCL shall hold elections at the annual meeting of the membership. Nominations shall be taken from the floor of the assembly. Time shall be allowed for each candidate to speak on his own behalf.

Section 5 Executive Board

The general executive authority resides in an Executive Board, which shall consist of the seven officers, and the 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 ACL, and the National Committee.

Section 5.1 Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet at the national convention of the Junior Classical League prior to the first NSCL General Assembly. 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 5.2 Scholarship Committee

The Executive Board, with the advice of the Advisor, shall appoint a Scholarship Committee who shall administer the scholarships of the League. This committee shall consist of the Advisor and four additional members. These four committee members may not be selected from the membership of the League. The Committee members shall have staggered terms of three years each. The Scholarship Committee shall elect within itself a Treasurer and a Chair and shall meet annually at the convention of the National Junior Classical League.

Section 6 Parliamentary Authority

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

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1 Annual Meeting

The membership shall meet annually during the convention of the National Junior Classical League. Only SCL 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 2 Quorum

At any assembly of the NSCL 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 AMENDMENT

Section 1 Proposal

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 National Committee. Any furtherance of a proposed amendment requires ACL approval.

Section 2 Consideration

The membership shall consider any proposed amendment to this constitution at the first annual meeting held more than one month after its acceptance by the ACL Council. The Executive Board shall report to the membership the possible effect of the amendment, and may recommend whether the proposed amendment ought to be ratified.

Section 3 Presentation

The Parliamentarian shall give notice of any proposed amendment to this constitution at the first assembly of the annual meeting, 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, unless postponed by the Executive Board or the membership.

Section 5 Ratification

The membership shall ratify a proposed amendment to this constitution by a three-fourths vote.