

The Bylaws of the Texas Senior Classical League

Article I. Officers

Section 1. Nominations

The nomination of candidates for office shall occur at the penultimate assembly at the National convention of the Junior Classical League. Any member may nominate an eligible member for office. Each candidate so nominated may then speak on his own behalf for up to two minutes.

Section 2. Election

The election of officers shall occur at the last assembly at the national convention of the Junior Classical League. Any member may then discuss or question any candidate, who may respond. Each candidate may remain present throughout the election. Elections shall occur in the order in which they appear in the Constitution, with winner being announced for each office before election for the next office begins. An unsuccessful candidate may be nominated for another office at the election. Each candidate so nominated may then speak on his or her behalf for up to one minute.

Section 3. Voting

The members shall vote by secret ballot. The President and the Parliamentarian shall count the votes; but, if the President or the Parliamentarian is a candidate, then they shall jointly appoint an impartial member to replace the candidate as the teller.

A. Voters

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.

B. Absentee and Proxy Ballots

An eligible voter who expects to be absent during the election may give to a teller an absentee ballot that ranks the candidates in order of preference, which shall count for the highest listed candidate who is still eligible. No member may vote for another as proxy.

C. Counting Ballots

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. Non-majorities

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 newly elected Executive Board shall make appointments to fill the vacant positions.

Section 4. Vacancies

If the President becomes vacant, then the Vice-President shall immediately become president. If an elected office besides the President becomes vacant, then the President, with a consensus of the Executive Board, shall appoint a qualified successor, who shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. An officer who does not attend the annual meeting at the end of his term has vacated the office.

Section 5. Term of Office

A. Elected Officers

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

B. TXSCL Advisor

The TXSCL Advisor shall be appointed for a term of two years. There shall be no limit to the number of terms the Advisor can serve.

Section 6. Advisor and Liaison

There shall be an Advisor and a Liaison to the TXSCL appointed by the Texas State Chairs as needed. Their roles shall be to advise and support the members of the TXSCL board.

Article II. Dues

Section 1. Regular Membership

The dues of a regular member of the TXSCL shall be five dollars (\$5), payable upon the beginning of regular membership.

Section 2. Associate Membership

The dues of an associate member of the TXSCL shall be five dollars (\$5), payable upon the beginning of associate membership.

Article III. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Duties of the President

The President shall:

- A. Chair the membership and the Executive Board;
- B. Convene the membership, the Executive Board, or any committee with cause;
- C. Coordinate membership promotion;
- D. Create *Ad Hoc* committees and appoint/determine their composition;
- E. Delegate responsibility whose exercise is not otherwise provided for;
- F. Serve as an *ex officio* member to each committee; and,
- G. Coordinate and oversee the duties of the officers.

Section 2. Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice-President shall:

- A. Assume the Presidency upon any permanent vacancy of that position;
- B. Assist the President;

Section 3. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- 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 the roll of members;

- D. Maintain a roster of officially recognized local TXSCL chapters and distribute any new local chapter petitions to all members of the Executive Board;
- E. Make any document or record available to any member upon request;
- F. Act as administrator for the TXSCL Email lists; and,
- G. Co-chair the membership committee with the President.

Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Manage the budget of the TXSCL;
- B. Design and produce all merchandise of the TXSCL; and,
- C. Come up with an annual T-shirt at the start of his or her term.

Section 5. Duties of the Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall:

- A. Administer the election of officers;
- B. Advise any officer or member of procedure;
- C. Help the chair keep order at any meeting; and,
- D. Shall review the constitution and bylaws and make suggestions for reforms.

Section 6. Duties of the Historian

The Historian shall:

- A. Prepare a photo album of the on goings of the TXSCL throughout his or her term;
- B. Chronicle the history of the TXSCL on the TXSCL website and keep it as up to date as possible; and,

C. See to the upkeep and organization of the TXSCL website.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting of the Membership

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

A. Special Assembly

The President may call a special meeting during the convention after reasonable notice to each registered delegate, in which a simple majority of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Agenda

The Executive Board with the advice of the president and the parliamentarian shall set the agenda of each assembly. Any member may add an item to the agenda by giving written notice to the President or Parliamentarian before the convention. The agenda shall provide for Unfinished Business and New Business.

Section 3. Special Meeting of the Membership

The President of the Executive Board may, with cause, call a special meeting of the membership. All regular and associate members shall be given one month's prior notice of this meeting. One third of all regular and associate members shall constitute a quorum at this meeting.