

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE
FLORIDA SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

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ARTICLE I NAME AND EMBLEM

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Florida Senior Classical League, hereafter referred to as FSCL.

Section 2. Emblem. The emblem shall be the torch of knowledge centered with the initials FSCL to the left of the torch and the state of Florida to the right all encircled by a laurel wreath.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

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 Florida Junior Classical League.

ARTICLE III GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Affiliation. This organization is affiliated with the Classical Association of Florida, National Senior Classical League, and American Classical League. 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 or its affiliated organizations.

Section 2. Relationship with the Classical Association of Florida.

2.1. Committee on the Florida Senior Classical League. The CAF Executive Board shall exercise its supervision of this organization by means of its committee on the FSCL as specified in the Constitutions and Bylaws of the CAF.

2.2. FSCL Advisor. The CAF shall be represented in all FSCL matters by the FSCL Advisor. The Advisor shall have the following duties:

- 2.2.1.** Report to the CAF concerning all FSCL matters;
- 2.2.2.** Work cooperatively with the CAF;
- 2.2.3.** Advise the FSCL Executive Board and the membership;
- 2.2.4.** Approve disbursement from the treasury and assist the Treasurer in completing necessary reports;
- 2.2.5.** Oversee all the events in which the FSCL is involved and,
- 2.2.6.** Oversee any other tasks as outlined by the CAF.

Section 3. Membership. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or its Bylaws, the paramount authority of this organization resides in the membership. The explicit mention of certain powers of the membership does not deny or limit its exercise of others.

ARTICLE IV
AMENDMENT

Section 1. Origin of Amendments. Any member of this organization may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting such to the FSCL President, the FSCL Parliamentarian, and the FSCL Advisor. Furtherance of a proposed amendment requires approval by the CAF in a manner in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the CAF.

Section 2. Amendment Procedure. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be considered at the first annual meeting held following final approval by the CAF. The procedure shall be as follows:

- 2.1.** The FSCL Parliamentarian shall give notice of the proposed amendment no later than the first assembly of the annual meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.
- 2.2.** The FSCL Executive Board shall report to the membership the possible effect of the amendment and may recommend whether the proposed amendment ought to be ratified.
- 2.3.** The membership shall debate the proposed amendment at the antepenultimate assembly of the annual meeting.
- 2.4.** Voting shall take place during the penultimate assembly of the annual meeting, unless postponed by the Executive Board or the membership.
- 2.5.** A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting shall be required for passage of a proposed amendment.

BYLAWS OF THE FLORIDA SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership Classes and Eligibility. There shall be three membership classes: Regular, Associate and Tertiary.

1.1. Regular. Secondary school graduates shall be eligible for regular membership until the opening of the final assembly at the fifth annual meeting after their graduation. Graduating seniors may join at the annual meeting of the FSCL at the year following their graduation. FSCL members attending the Florida Junior Classical League Convention immediately following graduation shall be governed by the rules for Florida Junior Classical League delegates, although they may participate in FSCL activities. The rights of regular members are described in the FSCL Constitution and these Bylaws.

1.2. Associate. Secondary school graduates shall be eligible for associate membership from the opening of the final assembly at the fifth annual meeting following their graduation from high school until the closing of the final assembly of the ninth annual meeting following their graduation from high school. Associate members possess all the rights of regular members except eligibility to hold state office.

1.3. Tertiary. Secondary school graduates shall be eligible for tertiary membership from the opening of the final assembly at the ninth annual meeting and then indefinitely following their graduation from high school. Tertiary members are limited to attend meetings and events, assist with the FJCL convention, and participate in any special committee the FSCL President may create.

Section 2. Dues.

2.1. Regular. The dues for regular members shall be six dollars (\$5.00) and shall cover the entirety of the period for which they are eligible for regular membership.

2.2. Associate. The dues for associate members shall be four dollars (\$4.00) and shall cover the entirety of the period for which they are eligible for associate membership.

2.3. Tertiary. The dues for tertiary members shall be two dollars (\$2.00) and shall cover the entirety of the period for which they are eligible for tertiary membership.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION DIVISIONS

Section 1. Regional Chapters. Any five members may organize a regional chapter and should affiliate with its corresponding region of the Florida Junior Classical League. Regional chapters shall represent and pursue the objectives of the FSCL and the FJCL.

1.1 Chapter Bylaws. Regional chapters shall adopt governing documents in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the FSCL, though they are exempt from having a full Executive Boards, but must have a President and Vice President.

1.2 Charters. The Executive Board may grant charters to, or revoke the charters of regional chapters of the FSCL. The FSCL President shall encourage the organization of new chapters and may grant temporary charters which shall be valid for up to one year, at which time the Executive Board shall decide whether to grant a permanent charter.

1.2.1. Regional chapters shall annually submit contact information for the chapter as well as the most recent copies of their governing documents to the FSCL Parliamentarian prior to the election of the FSCL officers at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The FSCL officers shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian elected by the membership at the annual meeting, and a Webmaster appointed at the close of the annual meeting by the President-elect with the consent of the officers-elect and Advisor.

Section 2. Qualifications. A FSCL officer shall be a Primary member of the FSCL. In addition, the President and Vice-president shall have attended at least one annual meeting as an FSCL member prior to the annual meeting at which they are elected. No member shall simultaneously hold two state offices. No elected officer shall hold the same office for two consecutive terms. FSCL officers must maintain their qualifications throughout their term. Failure to maintain qualifications shall constitute resignation from office. In addition, a candidate for office must meet the requirements for voter eligibility established in this article in order to be elected.

Section 3. Nominations. Candidates for elected office shall be nominated from the floor of the penultimate assembly of the annual meeting. Any member may nominate an eligible member for office. Candidates so nominated may speak on their own behalf for up to four minutes.

Section 4. Election.

4.1. Time of Elections. The election of officers shall occur at the last assembly of the annual meeting. Election of each office shall occur in the order in which the offices are listed in these Bylaws, with the winners being announced before the election of the next office begins.

4.2. Discussion. Any member may discuss or question any candidate. Candidates may remain present in the meeting throughout the election.

4.3. Unsuccessful Candidates. An unsuccessful candidate may be nominated for another office at the election. Candidates so nominated may speak on their own behalf for up to two minutes.

4.4. Voter Eligibility. A registered delegate who has attended at least one assembly prior to the assembly of elections, and who was present for either the speeches or the question-and-answer period shall be eligible to vote. The Parliamentarian shall note attendance at each assembly in order to create a list of eligible voters.

4.5. Voting. Eligible members shall vote by ranked secret ballot. Eligible members unable to attend the voting assembly may provide the Parliamentarian with a sealed absentee ballot. The President, Parliamentarian, and Advisor shall count the ballots according to the instant run-off

procedure prescribed by the parliamentary manual adopted by the FSCL. If the President or Parliamentarian is a candidate, then the three shall jointly appoint an impartial teller.

4.6. No Election. Should the first ballot for an office fail to produce a winner, the members of the outgoing Executive Board, not running for the office in question, shall decide among the top two candidates (or among all candidates tied for first), by secret ballot. A majority of those voting shall be required for election.

4.7. Uncontested Elections. If no member objects, uncontested elections may be voted on by acclamation.

Section 5. Term.

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

5.2. Appointed Officer. The Webmaster shall be appointed for a term of one year or until their successor is appointed. The term shall begin immediately upon inauguration at the close of the annual meeting.

Section 6. Vacancy.

6.1. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-president.

6.2. Vacancies in offices other than that of the President shall be filled by appointment of the President with the consent of the Executive Board and Advisor.

Section 7. Removal.

7.1. An officer may be removed by decision of the CAF or a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

7.2. Failure to register for the annual meeting shall constitute automatic removal from office.

Section 8. Duties.

8.1. President. The duties of the President shall be as follows:

8.1.1. Chair the meetings of the membership and the Executive Board;

8.1.2. Convene the membership, the Executive Board, or any committee, with cause;

8.1.3. Coordinate membership promotion and alumni relations;

8.1.4. Create and appoint any necessary committee;

8.1.5. Delegate responsibility for which exercise is not otherwise provided;

8.1.6. Assist new regional chapters in organizing and granting temporary charters to such chapters as needed;

8.1.7. Have jurisdiction over the talent show and FSCL reception at the Florida Junior Classical League Convention;

8.1.8. Serve ex officio on all committees, except the Scholarship Committee; and,

8.1.9. Coordinate and oversee the duties of the officers.

8.2. Vice-president. The duties of the Vice-president shall be as follows:

8.2.1. Assume the Presidency in the event of permanent vacancy of the position;

8.2.2. Perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or temporary inability to serve;

8.2.3. Assist the President; and,

8.2.4. Have jurisdiction over Ludi and Olympika at the annual Florida Junior Classical League Convention.

8.3. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

8.3.1. Carefully record all proceedings of the membership or the Executive Board, and circulate these minutes to each officer and the Advisor after the meeting;

8.3.2. Maintain any business records or other official documents in good order;

8.3.3. Maintain, in conjunction with the Treasurer, the roll of members and alumni;

8.3.4. Make official documents available on the website, updating these documents when necessary;

8.3.5. Manage communications between the Executive Board and the membership;

8.3.6. Act as administrator for any FSCL email lists; and,

8.3.7. Make any official document or record available to any member upon approval of the Executive Board.

8.4. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

8.4.1. Collect any dues or fees or any routine debt owed to the organization;

8.4.2. Deposit any income to the treasury and provide for its safekeeping in the organization's name;

8.4.3. Disburse funds as appropriated by the Executive Board or the Advisor;

8.4.4. Maintain, in coordination with the Advisor, accurate record keeping of the FSCL treasury;

8.4.5. Furnish each member with credentials;

8.4.6. Maintain, in conjunction with the Secretary, the roll of members and alumni;

8.4.7. Create a financial report available to any member upon request; and,

8.4.8. Recommend an annual budget to the Executive Board for approval by the CAF.

8.5. Parliamentarian. The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be as follows:

8.5.1. Administer the election of officers and the voting on amendments to the Constitution or these Bylaws;

8.5.2. Maintain a list of the names of all members attending each assembly in order to create a list of eligible voters;

8.5.3. Advise any officer or other member on matters of procedure;

8.5.4. Help the chair maintain order at meetings;

8.5.5. Revise and update the FSCL Handbook for distribution; and,

8.5.6. Work with the regional chapters toward the maintenance of their permanent charters.

8.6. Webmaster. The duties of the Webmaster shall be as follows:

8.6.1. Preside over the the website committee;

8.6.2. Maintain the official online presence of the FSCL;

8.6.3. Prepare an ongoing historical record of the FSCL in the form of a shareable media and official history.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The membership shall meet annually during the convention of the Florida Junior Classical League. An FSCL member must be a delegate to the convention in order to participate in the meeting.

1.1. Assemblies. The annual meeting shall consist of not fewer than three assemblies. The Executive Board shall give notice of each assembly to registered delegates, though the convention program. The President may call a special assembly, not originally scheduled in the convention program, if required. Reasonable notice shall be provided for such assemblies.

1.2. Quorum. For an assembly scheduled in the convention program, the registered delegates present at the assembly shall constitute a quorum. For a special assembly, a simple majority of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum.

1.3. Agenda. The Executive Board with the advice of the President, Parliamentarian, and Advisor, shall set the agenda of each assembly. Any member may introduce business onto the agenda by written notice to the President, Parliamentarian, or Advisor prior to the assembly at which it is to be considered.

Section 2. Special Meetings. The President or the Executive Board may, with cause, call a special meeting of the membership. All primary and associate members shall be given at least one month's prior notice of such a meeting. One third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at such a meeting.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Composition. The state officers shall constitute the Executive Board. The Advisor shall serve ex officio as a non-voting member of the board.

Section 2. Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the FSCL between its meetings and shall transact business on its behalf, subject to the authority of the membership, the CAF, and the National Senior Classical League.

Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Board shall meet at the convention of the Florida Junior Classical League. A special meeting of the Executive Board may be held at the call of the President, the Advisor, or any two officers. A simple majority of the officers shall constitute a quorum, with the presence of the Advisor required to transact any business.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 1. Website Committee. The Webmaster, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board and the Advisor shall lead the Website Committee. This committee shall consist of the Webmaster and up to three additional members of the FSCL. Any member of the FSCL is eligible to join. The Website Committee will be governed by its own governing documents that are consistent with this document.

Section 2. Other Committees. Other committees, standing or special, may be established by the membership, the Executive Board, or the President. The President shall appoint all members to committees for which membership is not otherwise provided.

ARTICLE VII
HANDBOOK

A handbook for the FSCL may be established by the Executive Board, with the consent of the Advisor containing procedures not provided for in the Constitution or these Bylaws. No provision of the handbook may conflict with the provisions of the Constitution or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the FSCL in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the documents governing the CAF, the Constitution, these Bylaws, or any special rules of order which the FSCL may adopt.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT

The procedure for amendment of these Bylaws shall be the same as the procedure for the amendment of the FSCL Constitution, as described in Article IV of that document.