

CONSTITUTION OF THE TEXAS STATE JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

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ARTICLE I – GENERAL

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Texas State Junior Classical League (TSJCL).

Section 2. The emblem, pin, and colors shall be the same as those of the National Junior Classical League (NJCL).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

Section 1. To gain a more thorough knowledge of Roman and Greek civilization and culture.

Section 2. To understand better the practical and cultural value of Latin.

Section 3. To interest others in the study and appreciation of classical languages and civilizations.

Section 4. To provide a forum in which to recognize outstanding achievement in the study of classical languages and civilizations.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Student Membership

a. Student membership is open to all persons enrolled in a secondary school which has chapter membership in the TSJCL. Local chapters may apply their own restrictions.

b. Student members shall also be members of the NJCL.

c. Membership-at-large is open to any student wishing to join the TSJCL and NJCL if his/her school does not have a chapter.

Section 2. Sponsor Membership

a. Sponsor membership is open to any adult who wishes to sponsor a TSJCL chapter.

b. TSJCL sponsors shall also be members of the Texas Classical Association and the American Classical League.

c. TSJCL sponsors do not pay the TSJCL membership dues and do not have voting privileges.

Section 3. Chapter Membership

a. Chapter membership in the TSJCL shall include any NJCL chapters in Texas that fulfill all the necessary requirements for membership in this organization.

b. Chapters must be composed of one adult sponsor and at least five student members.

c. Chapters shall be admitted automatically upon written application and payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers

The elected officers of the TSJCL shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Historian.

Section 2. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of the TSJCL shall consist of a Parliamentarian, Editor, Webmaster, and a Convention Coordinator.

Section 3. Area Chairpersons

The area chairpersons of the TSJCL shall consist of a representative from each area of the state of Texas as specified by the TSJCL Bylaws.

Section 4. State Chairpersons

The state chairpersons of the TSJCL shall consist of the elected sponsors who act as the Board of Directors for this member-run nonprofit organization.

ARTICLE V – THE STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The student executive board shall be composed of the elected officers, appointed officers, and area chairpersons as specified in Article IV.

Section 2. The student executive board shall serve as an advisory body to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The representative assembly shall be composed of the voting delegates of the chapters present at the annual state convention.

Section 2. Each chapter has one voting delegate for every ten members of the club following the pattern below:

5-10 members --- one voting delegate

11-20 members --- two voting delegates

21-30 members --- three voting delegates

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted in writing to the TSJCL Parliamentarian by January 31.

Section 2. All proposed amendments must be communicated to every chapter at least two weeks prior to the convention.

Section 3. All proposed amendments must be considered by the Program of Works Committee at the convention. Any proposed amendment not receiving the approval of at least one half of the committee delegates shall not be considered by the Representative Assembly.

Section 4. The Representative Assembly may adopt proposed amendments to this constitution by a 2/3 vote of the voting delegates present at the convention.