

# 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.

Section 5. To develop responsibility, foster brotherhood, promote enthusiasm, encourage competition, inspire dedication, and enrich the total growth of the members of the TSJCL.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1. Student Membership

a. Student membership is open to all persons enrolled in 6th-12th grade at a school which has chapter membership in the TSJCL. Local chapters may apply their own restrictions.

b. Student members must 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 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 at least one adult sponsor and at least five student members.

c. Chapters shall be admitted automatically upon receipt of 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, an Outreach Coordinator, and a Historian.

### Section 2. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of the TSJCL shall consist of a Treasurer, a Parliamentarian, an Editor, a Webmaster, and up to two Convention Coordinators.

### 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 consisting of five to fifty (5-50) members shall receive two votes. For every additional twenty-five (25) members a chapter has, the chapter will receive one more vote following the pattern below:

5-50 members --- two votes

51-75 members --- three votes

76-100 members --- four votes

## ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted in writing to the TSJCL Parliamentarian by January 1 to be considered at the state convention in the same calendar year.

Section 2. All proposed amendments must be communicated to every chapter and/or its sponsor 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.