

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
ARIZONA JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the Arizona members of the National Junior Classical League, in order to promote effectively the purposes of the National Junior Classical League and to establish a basis for order in implementing the work of the various Arizona Classical organizations, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Arizona Junior Classical League, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Object

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to further the program of the National Junior Classical League in the state of Arizona; namely, "To promote a more thorough knowledge of classical life, history, and literature; to impart a better understanding of the practical and cultural value of the classics; and to interest other students in the classical languages."

Section 2. In the event of termination, dissolution or cessation of activities of the Arizona Junior Classical League for any reason, any assets remaining after payment of any and all debts shall be distributed to the National Junior Classical League as part of its assets for educational purposes, or to any other not for profit educational institution or organization in the event the National Junior Classical League no longer exists.

ARTICLE III

Authority for Operation

Section 1. This constitution, in conjunction with the bylaws and manual of the National Junior Classical League and *Robert's Rules of Order*, shall be the authority for the operation of the Arizona Junior Classical League.

Section 2. Executive Board: There shall be an Executive Board composed of the state chairperson, the state officers, and their designated adult sponsors, the chairperson of each standing committee, and the president of the Arizona Senior Classical League or a SCL member appointed by him/her. This board shall act as the agent through which business of this organization may be transacted between annual meetings. The president of the Arizona Junior Classical League shall act as chairperson.

Section 3. The state chairperson shall serve as advisors to both the Executive Board and this organization as a whole.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. Individual Membership: Individual membership in this organization shall be of two kinds: member of a chapter or member-at-large. All members shall be taking a classical language or a course in the classical humanities.

Section 2. Chapter Membership: Chapter membership shall include all Junior Classical League chapters in the state of Arizona that wish to become a part of this organization. A chapter shall be comprised of at least five individual members who qualify. Chapters shall be admitted to chapter membership status upon payment of annual dues to a state chairperson and the national organization.

Section 3. Members-at-Large: Members-at-large shall include any active member of the National Junior Classical League without chapter affiliation. A student shall be admitted to the member-at-large membership status upon proper payment of annual dues to a state chairperson and the national organization. A student cannot be a member-at-large if a chapter exists at the school which he attends. The student must be enrolled in Latin, Greek, or classics course.

Section 4. Good Standing: Local chapters and members-at-large shall be admitted to the Arizona Junior Classical League upon proper payment of annual dues to a state chairperson and the national organization. Thereafter, in order to remain in good standing and retain their voting rights, they shall pay state and national dues for the current school year postmarked no later than December 1.

Section 5. Sponsors: Local chapters must be sponsored by a Latin teacher, by a teacher of the classical humanities, or by another adult high school graduate residing in the vicinity who is of legal age according to the statutes of the state of Arizona. This adult, who will be responsible for the activities of the

students being sponsored, must be a member of the American Classical League. A member-at-large only needs a sponsor at the state convention. This sponsor must also meet the requirements stated above.

ARTICLE V

State Chair

Section 1. Election:

A state chair for this organization shall be elected for five-year terms by the sponsors of the chapters in good standing attending a state convention. The term shall begin on August 1 and he/she is eligible for re-election.

Section 2. Removal from Office:

A. Grounds for Removal: The Arizona Junior Classical League shall have the power to remove a state chair from office for serious negligence in the discharge of the duties of state chair as stated in the National Junior Classical League manual.

B. Removal Procedure: The following procedure shall be followed in proceedings leading to the possible expulsion of a state chair and shall not exceed a thirty-day time limit from the time of resolution unless a delay is obtained from the Executive Board.

1. A resolution to consider the removal of a state chair can be introduced by any sponsor in good standing having attended the previous state convention.

2. If said resolution to consider the removal of a state chair should pass by a simple majority vote of the sponsors in good standing having attended the previous state convention, the state chair shall be guaranteed a defense by telephone, mail, or in person, to all those who shall vote on the question of his removal.

3. After the state chair shall have finished his defense, a two-thirds vote of the sponsors in good standing at the previous state convention shall be necessary to remove the chair.

ARTICLE VI

State Officers

Section 1. State Officers Defined: the following officers of this organization shall be elected: president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, communications coordinator, and historian.

Section 2. Term of Office: The term of office shall begin August 1, following the NJCL Convention. The term of office shall be for one year.

Section 3. Qualifications: To be eligible to run for elective office, a candidate must be a member in good standing and shall be enrolled in Latin, Greek, or another classically-related subject. Post-graduates and mid-term graduates shall not be eligible for office. All candidates for office must be approved by the state chair/chairs.

Section 4. Nominating Procedures:

A. Filing for Office: Any eligible person who wishes to run for an Arizona Junior Classical League office may become a prospective candidate by filing the designated form with the state chair one month before convention. These forms will be provided by the state chair.

B. Changing Office: Any candidate wishing to change the office for which he/she is filing may do so provided that the new office for which he wishes to file is still open and that the candidate drops his application for the office for which he first filed. The candidate will be assured one spot on the ballot; however, the other nomination for that office will be open at the convention.

C. Nominations Committee: Candidates for elective office shall be nominated by a committee which shall consist of one previously certified member from each chapter in good standing, in attendance at the convention. The state parliamentarian shall serve as chairman of the committee. All nominations must be made by the Nominations Committee including those who have filed papers in advance and these people must be presented first in the committee meeting. Only in the event that there are no candidates for any given office shall the Nominations Committee accept delegates attending the convention to fill the vacancy of that given office, provided such delegates are in good standing, are accompanied by their sponsor, and have or can readily obtain proof of parental consent. The nominations made at convention must be made at the nominations meeting and cannot be made from the convention floor. When the Nominations Committee has more than two candidates for any one elective office, it shall vote to reduce the number to two. An unsuccessful nominee may be nominated for any other office where there are less than two candidates. Any pre-filed candidate for a particular office is assured of a spot on the ballot. A state chairman shall meet in an advisory capacity with the Nominations Committee.

D. Campaign Speeches: The Nominations Committee may hear campaign speeches not to exceed one minute for each candidate. Only the candidates for offices which have more than two candidates will give a formal speech before the committee. In the convention itself, each candidate approved by the Nominations Committee shall be allowed a campaign speech not to

exceed three minutes, to be given by the candidate, his campaign manager, or by both.

E. Open Forum: In the convention itself, each candidate approved by the Nominations Committee shall attend the Candidates' Open Forum. The state parliamentarian shall facilitate this opportunity for candidates and delegates to exchange their views in a question and answer format. Each chapter in good standing, in attendance at the convention, shall send at least one voting delegate to the Candidates' Open Forum.

F. Campaigning Procedures: Any candidate may pass out campaign materials at state convention, but that candidate is responsible for the trash that accumulates. Any candidate may also display posters or flyers at state convention, but they must be tasteful and not depict any crudeness. Campaign materials may be passed out or displayed ONLY after the Nominations Committee meeting. Campaign materials may only be displayed in the designated areas, as instructed by the parliamentarian at the end of the Nominations Committee meeting. Pre-campaigning is NOT ALLOWED under any circumstance. This includes E-mailing, campaigning over the internet, and the displaying of campaign materials prior to the end of the Nominations Committee meeting. Any candidate who pre-campaigns may be subject to forfeiture of the election.

Section 5. Election of Officers:

A. Voting Procedures:

1. Voting delegates shall vote by secret ballot. Each chapter in good standing shall have two voting delegates for the first twenty-five members or any majority part thereof beyond the first, not, however, to exceed five votes for any one chapter. Members-at-large shall be allowed one vote. Each vote from a chapter shall be cast by a delegate previously designated by the chapter.

2. Any delegation that fails to be presented at the Nominations Committee meeting at the state convention will have its vote(s) nullified for the elections at the same state convention.

3. Any delegation that fails to be represented at the Nominations Committee meeting at the state convention will have its vote(s) nullified for the elections at the same state convention.

B. Ties: In case of a tie, the election for that office shall be turned over to the state officers. The officers shall vote by secret ballot. Each officer shall be allowed one vote, except in the case of a candidate and an officer being from the

same chapter. In this case, the officer shall not vote.

Section 6. Vacancies: Should any vacancy occur other than in the presidency, that officer's sponsor shall name a person, from the same chapter, to serve for the remainder of the term. If said school should relinquish the right to office, the Executive Board will make an appointment for any vacancy. Should the presidency be vacated, the vice president shall succeed and a new vice president shall be named by the Executive Board.

Section 7. Removal from office:

A. Grounds for Removal: The Arizona Junior Classical League shall have the power to remove any of its officers as provided in this section. The grounds for such removal shall be the infraction of the state convention rules, serious negligence in the discharge of the duties of that office, and/or conduct unbecoming of an officer.

B. Removal Procedure: The following procedure shall be followed in all proceedings leading to the possible expulsion of an officer and shall not exceed a thirty day time limit from the time of resolution unless a delay is obtained from the Executive Board.

1. A resolution by the Executive Board to consider the removal of an officer can be introduced by any member of the Executive Board or by a petition bearing the signatures of the officers of at least five local chapters.

2. If said resolution to consider the removal of an officer should pass the Executive Board by a simple majority, that same officer's sponsor shall guarantee that an adequate defense be made by that officer, by telephone, by mail, or in person to all those who shall vote for his removal. No vote shall be taken to remove the same officer until the same sponsor shall be satisfied that he has finished presenting his defense.

3. After the officer in question shall have finished his defense, a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board shall be necessary to remove the officer. No officer shall be denied a vote to which he would otherwise be entitled during proceedings aimed at this removal.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Suggested amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing to the president of this organization at least one month prior to the annual meeting. Copies of proposed amendments shall be sent at least two weeks prior to the

convention to all chapters and members-at-large to study. Such amendments shall then be considered by the parliamentarian and his recommendation shall be proposed to the convention for action. A two-thirds affirmative vote shall be required for adoption. Proposed amendments shall be read at the annual meeting's first session and voted on at the final session.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

A meeting of this organization shall be held annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX

Bylaws

Section 1. Bylaws: Bylaws not contrary to any provision of this constitution may be established.

Section 2. Bylaws Procedure: Bylaws may be established, amended or repealed by a majority vote at the annual meeting. Notice of proposed change of bylaws must be given at least one general session prior to final action on said change.