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# **Constitution**

## **Ohio Senior Classical League**

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## **Article I: General Provisions**

I.1 Name: The name of this organization shall be the Ohio Senior Classical League (OSCL).

I.2 Emblem: The emblem of the OSCL shall be the torch of knowledge under the initials “OSCL”, all encircled by a laurel wreath.

I.3 Affiliation: The OSCL shall be an affiliate of both the Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL), and the National Senior Classical League (NSCL).

I.4 Purpose: The OSCL shall strive to promote the appreciation of scholarship of Classics in post-secondary education. The OSCL shall assist the OJCL, its Executive Board, chairpersons, and sponsors. The OSCL shall promote within itself the NSCL and its activities.

## **Article II: Membership**

II.1 Regular Membership

- A. To be eligible for regular membership, an individual must either a) have had previous membership in OJCL, or b) have had previous membership in OSCL, or c) be enrolled in a Classics course at any college/university within the state of Ohio.
- B. A member is eligible to hold regular membership beginning at the OJCL Convention during their senior year in high school. A member remains eligible for regular membership until the fourth OJCL Convention following their high school graduation.
- C. Payment of regular membership dues entitles a member to the following rights and privileges: to vote, to run for and/or hold office, to attend all OSCL assemblies and functions, to receive all OSCL mailings, and to serve on all OSCL committees.
- D. All regular members of OSCL must also pay NSCL regular membership dues.

## II.2 Associate Membership

- A. To be eligible for associate membership, an individual must a) have been previous membership in the OJCL, b) have had previous membership in the OSCL, or c) be enrolled in a Classics course at any college/university within the state of Ohio.
- B. A member is eligible to hold associate membership beginning at the fourth OJCL Convention following their high school graduation. A member remains eligible for associate membership until the ninth NJCL Convention following their high school graduation.
- C. Payment of associate membership dues entitles a member to all the rights and privileges of regular membership, excluding the right to run for and/or hold OSCL office.
- D. All associate members of OSCL must also pay NSCL associate member dues.

## II.3 Olim membership

- A. Olim Membership can only be received once regular and associate membership is completed.
- B. This membership consists of no duties, dues, privileges, or benefits. For the purpose of attending OSCL functions and meetings, those with Olim status are considered members.

## II.4 Advisor Membership

- A. The Advisor is strongly encouraged to be a member of the American Classical League.
- B. The Advisor is strongly encouraged to be a faculty member of a high school or college/university within the state of Ohio.
- C. The Advisor may be an Olim member of OSCL, but not a regular or associate member.

#### II.5 Membership of the Assistant to the Advisor

- A. The Assistant to the Advisor must be a secondary or Olim member of the OSCL, but not a regular member.

#### II.6 Local Chapter Membership

- A. Any Ohio college/university or any OJCL chapter may sponsor a local OSCL chapter.
- B. Each member of an OSCL chapter must pay the appropriate OSCL dues and NSCL dues. The chapter must also pay the OSCL chapter dues.
- C. To apply for local chapter membership, the chapter must supply the OSCL Executive Board with:
  - a. A copy of the local chapter's constitution;
  - b. The names and addresses of the chapter's officers;
  - c. A roster of the membership, which must include a minimum of five dues-paying members

#### II.7 Out-of-State Attendees

- A. SCLers who did not attend high school or choose to go to college in Ohio may attend convention, but may not become regular, associate, or olim members.

## Article III: Officers

#### III.1 Roster

- A. The elected officers of the OSCL shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Parliamentarian.
- B. The appointed officers of the OSCL shall be the Historian and Editor.

#### III.2 Executive Board

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of the Advisor/Assistant and the officers listed Article III, Section I, Parts A and B of this constitution.
- B. All Executive Board officers shall have one vote in executive decisions. The President shall vote only in the instances allowed by parliamentary authority. The Advisor/Assistant shall not have votes.

### III.3 Tenure

- A. The executive officers shall begin their terms of office immediately following their installation.
- B. All Executive officers terms shall end when their successors assume office.
- C. The Assistant to the advisor shall serve for two years and can be re elected.
- D. The Advisor shall have an annual vote of confidence.

### III.4 Removal

- A. Any voting member of the OSCL may initiate the impeachment of any OSCL officer by notifying the President in writing. The impeachment notice must cite the reason(s) for removal.
- B. The President shall immediately notify the Executive Board, including the charged officer, of the impending impeachment, including the stated reasons for removal. The charged officer shall be permitted to respond to the charges or to submit their resignation at any time following this notification.
- C. Impeachment ballots must be submitted in writing to the President, either by separate letters or by petition, postmarked within thirty (30) days following the initial notice to the President. If a regularly scheduled Executive meeting occurs within those thirty (30) days, the Executive Board may vote on the impeachment at that meeting.
- D. The impeachment shall be secured by: a) consent by three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the Executive officers, excluding the charged officer; or b) consent by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the voting membership, including the Executive officers. Upon receiving the necessary votes for impeachment, the President shall immediately inform the Executive Board, including the impeached officer, that the office has become vacant.
- E. If the President is the object of impeachment proceedings, then the Advisor shall assume the responsibilities of the President under this section.

## Article IV: Meetings

#### IV.1 Presiding Officer

- A. The ranking order of the OSCL shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Historian, Editor.
- B. The highest ranking Executive officer present at any OSCL assembly or Executive meeting shall be the presiding officer.

#### IV.2 Assemblies

- A. There shall be three (3) assemblies of the OSCL membership during the OJCL Convention, with one (1) assembly occurring on each day of the convention.
- B. An assembly of the OSCL membership may convene during a scheduled activity of the OSCL at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- C. An assembly of the OSCL membership may be ordered with thirty (30) days written notice to the President by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the voting members of the OSCL.
- D. Quorum at the OSCL assemblies during the OJCL Convention shall be two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the voting membership registered at convention. Quorum at all other OSCL assemblies shall be a majority of the voting membership.

#### IV.3 Executive Meetings

- A. The Executive Board shall meet following each curfew of the OJCL Convention. The President, the Advisor, or any two Executive officers may order additional Executive meetings during the OJCL Convention.
- B. The Executive Board shall meet at least once during the NJCL Convention, at the discretion of the President.
- C. The Executive Board shall attend all OJCL Executive Board meetings. If the OSCL President is absent, then the OSCL presiding officer shall assume the role of the OSCL President Pro Tempore throughout the OJCL Executive meeting.
- D. The Executive Board may meet during a scheduled activity of the OSCL at the discretion of the President.
- E. An Executive meeting may be ordered either by a majority of the Executive officers or by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the voting membership, with thirty (30) days notice to the President.
- F. Executive meetings shall be open only to the officers, the Advisor/Assistant, and guests invited by a member of the board.
- G. Quorum at Executive meetings during the OJCL Convention shall be two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the Executive officers. Quorum at all other meetings shall be half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Executive officers.

# Article V: Elections

## V.1 Nominations

- A. Nominations shall take place during the first OSCL assembly at the OJCL Convention.
- B. Any regular member whose regular membership dues extend throughout the upcoming term may be nominated to run for OSCL office. In order to be nominated for President or Vice President, a member must have been a member of the OSCL at a previous OJCL Convention.
- C. Nominations shall proceed in the following order, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian.
- D. A member may accept a nomination for only one office.

## V.2 Elections

- A. Elections shall take place at the second OSCL assembly at the OJCL Convention. Immediately preceding the first election there shall be a period of open nomination, after which time, no further nominations will be accepted.
- B. All candidates must be present at the elections.
- C. Elections shall proceed in the same order as the nominations
- D. Prior to each election there shall be candidates speeches and a Question & Answer period.
- E. Abstentions shall be considered a fictitious candidate, which, if elected, shall vacate the office.
- F. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, then an additional balloting shall take place among the smallest group of leading candidates, who collectively gained a majority of the votes cast.
- G. Any losing candidate is eligible to run for a lower office.
- H. The President and Parliamentarian shall count ballots. If either or both are candidates for office, then the President and Advisor jointly shall appoint impartial members as tellers.

## V.3 Appointments

- A. Members may apply for Historian or editor by submitting a written request to the sitting President prior to the first meeting of the Executive Board-elect at the OJCL Convention.
- B. If a member in good standing who cannot attend convention wants to apply for an appointed office they can do so by sending an application for the office and a

cover letter explaining their reason for not attending. Also, the current OSCL Advisor must deem their reason for not attending as legitimate.

- C. The officers-elect shall choose a Historian and an Editor during their first meeting at the OJCL Convention.

#### V.4 Vacancy

- A. If the Presidency becomes vacant, then the Vice President immediately shall vacate their office and become President.
- B. If an office other than the Presidency becomes vacant, then the President shall nominate a replacement, subject to approval by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the Executive Board, within seven (7) days after the vacancy occurs.

## Article VI: Revenue

#### VI.1 Dues

- A. Dues for regular membership and associate membership each shall consist of a one-time fee that will grant the appropriate membership to the member throughout his eligibility. The amount of these dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and shall be published in the Ohio Torch and the OSCL publication prior to the OJCL Convention.
- B. Dues shall affect membership in the OSCL immediately upon payment and shall maintain membership through the close of the Convention which ends the member's eligibility.
- C. Dues may be paid at any time during the year. Pro-rata dues will not be offered. During the OJCL Convention, dues will be accepted only during the OSCL registration and immediately before and after each OSCL assembly.

## Article VII: Amendments

#### VII.1 Proposal

- A. Proposed amendments to the OSCL Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Parliamentarian, postmarked sixty (60) days prior to the OJCL Convention.

- B. The Parliamentarian shall present to the membership all the proposed amendments to the OSCL Constitution at the first OSCL assembly during the OJCL Convention.

#### VII.2 Approval

- A. Proposed amendments to the OSCL Constitution shall be voted on during the second OSCL assembly at the OJCL Convention.
- B. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote shall be necessary to approve any amendment to the OSCL Constitution.
- C. Amendments to the OSCL Constitution shall become effective immediately following their passage, unless the motion to ratify designates an alternative date.

#### VII.3 Ratification

- A. This Constitution shall be ratified by unanimous approval by a new constitution only with the approval of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the voting membership.
- B. This constitution, once ratified, may be replaced by a new constitution only with the approval of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the voting membership.