

ARTICLE V
Student State Officers

Section 1. State Officers Defined: The elected officers of this organization shall be the following: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Torch Editor, and Middle School Representative. The appointed officers of this organization shall be the following: Publicity Chair, Historian and Technology Coordinator.

Section 2. Term of Office: The term of office for each officer shall be for one year only, from the election at the annual state convention until a successor is chosen at the following state convention.

Section 3. Qualifications of a State Officer:

- A. The candidate must a good standing member of the North Carolina Junior Classical League as well as the National Junior Classical League.
- B. The candidate must be able to fulfill his/her term of office while still in middle or high school with the Middle School Representative fulfilling his/her term of office while still in middle school.
- C. The candidate must have attended at least one state convention prior to running for office.
- D. A candidate running for an elected office must have written permission from a parent or legal guardian, sponsor, and principal submitted to the Parliamentarian prior to the appointed deadline. An appointed candidate must submit written permission from a parent or legal guardian, sponsor, and principal within two weeks after the election.
- E. The candidate must be enrolled in a classical language or humanities class for at least half of the year during which his/her office is held or must have completed all the classical language and humanities classes offered at his/her school.

Section 4. Nomination Procedures:

- A. Qualifying for Office: Each candidate must meet all of the qualifications set forth in Article V, Section 3.
- B. Filing for Office: Each student must complete the appropriate candidacy forms found on the North Carolina Junior Classical League website and submit them by the specified deadline to the Parliamentarian. The student must also notify the Parliamentarian of the office for which they intend to run via email by the specified deadline.
- C. Changing Office: Any candidate who wishes to change the office for which they have filed must notify the Parliamentarian via email within 3 mailing days following the initial candidacy deadline.

- D. A chapter may nominate only one student as their candidate each year for any one of the six elected offices which were not held by a member of their chapter the previous year. A chapter may not nominate more than a total of one candidate from their chapter unless a state of emergency is declared by the State Parliamentarian.
- E. Current officers may run for a different office for the year following their current term.
- F. State of Emergency: A State of Emergency may be invoked by the Parliamentarian if no candidates have submitted candidacy forms for that specific office to the Parliamentarian by the registration deadline previously set by the Executive Board. The State of Emergency invokes:
 - 1. The State of Emergency will be communicated to all North Carolina Junior Classical League local chapters and will be posted on the website as soon as it is declared.
 - 2. The State of Emergency application deadline is two weeks before the North Carolina State Convention.
 - 3. Up to three candidates from a single chapter can run for one office each. This number includes any pre-filed candidate except an existing officer cannot be a candidate for his or her same office in the next year unless the state of emergency application deadline passes and no candidates have filed for that office.

Section 5. Campaigning:

- A. Active campaigning may not begin until after the General Assembly on Friday of the NCJCL State Convention. Any campaigning via social media networks or any other means before the end of the General Assembly will result in disqualification from the election.
- B. Campaign expenses may not exceed \$40.00. Receipts must be submitted to the Parliamentarian on Friday night of the State Convention. Donations count at their full value as part of campaign expenses. If this limit is exceeded, the candidate's campaign rights will summarily be suspended. If the candidate continues to campaign, he will be disqualified from the election.
- C. Candidates Workshop: A mandatory candidate's workshop will be held on Friday at the North Carolina State Convention. At this meeting, the candidates will turn in their campaign receipts to the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian will then explain the election procedures outlined in Article V, Section 6.

- D. Campaign speeches which are given Friday at the General Assembly will be limited to 3 minutes in length.
- E. Candidates may not attach flyers, posters, or other articles to the host property at the State Convention. Candidates are also responsible for keeping host property clean of campaign litter.
- F. A mandatory "Meet the Candidates" gathering will be held on Saturday at the North Carolina State Convention. Candidates will answer questions concerning their office and their qualifications. Being more than 10 minutes late or failing to show up for this meeting will result in disqualification as a candidate. Following the "Meet the Candidates" meeting, elections will be held according to the procedures outlined in Article V, Section 6.

Section 6. Election Procedures:

- A. Elections for state officers will be held annually at the North Carolina State Convention.
- B. Each election will be run by the current Parliamentarian and his/her sponsor.
- C. Each chapter is allowed two voting delegates who will cast their vote by means of a secret ballot. These delegates must consult members of their chapter before making an informed vote.
- D. Each candidate must receive a majority (51%) of votes in order to be elected to an office.
- E. In the event of a tie, the Executive Board student officers from the current year are to decide who wins by a majority vote. If the Executive Board student officers tie, the Parliamentarian will cast the deciding vote. In the absence of the Parliamentarian, the President will cast the deciding vote.
- F. In the event that the candidate does not receive a majority vote, the Executive Board student officers from the current year will vote by secret ballot to place candidates into office by a majority vote. If the Executive Board student officers do not vote the candidate in, the procedure for finding an officer is as follows: Any students who wish to file for the office must file with the new Parliamentarian within a week after the State Convention. If the Parliamentarian is the office in question, the new President will act as Parliamentarian until the issue is resolved. At the next Executive Board meeting, the new student officers will interview the candidates in person and then vote to bring them in by a majority vote. Candidates must be present at the Executive Board meeting in order to be considered for office.
- G. All appointed positions will be filled as follows:

1. Publicity Chair: The Publicity Chair position will be offered to the school who wins first place in the Publicity Contest at the North Carolina State Convention. If the first place winner declines the office, it will be offered sequentially to 2nd – 5th place high school winners and then to middle school winners, 1st-5th place.
2. Historian: The Historian position will be offered to the school of the first place Scrapbook Contest winner as follows:
 - a. Large Schools – even numbered years
 - b. Small Schools – odd numbered years

Should either category decline the position, the other category will be asked to be the Historian. If neither of the first place winners desires the position, the second place winner of the appropriate year will be asked with the process continuing down the line (other 2nd place winner, 3rd place winner of appropriate year, other 3rd place winner and then to middle school winners starting with 1st place).

3. Technology Coordinator: The Technology Coordinator position will be offered to the first place winner of the Local Chapter Website Contest. If the first place winner declines the office, it will be offered sequentially to 2nd – 5th place high school winners and then to middle school winners, 1st-5th place.
4. If an appointed office is not filled following the above procedure, the NCJCL Executive Board will fill it by appointment and confirm the officer with majority vote.

- H. Installation of new officers will be held during the closing General Assembly at the North Carolina State Convention or the May Executive Board meeting.

Section 7. Vacancies

- A. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the 1st Vice President shall become President. The new President, with a majority vote by the Executive Board, will name a qualified person to serve as 1st Vice President.
- B. Should any vacancy occur other than in the office of President, or should a state officer default in the performance of his/her duties, the President, with the majority vote of the Executive Board, will name a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

- C. The chapter originally holding the vacated office may not run a candidate for that same office in the election immediately following the one in which the chapter's candidate was elected.

Section 8. Removal from Office:

- A. Grounds for Removal: The North Carolina Junior Classical League shall have the power to remove any of its officers as provided in this section. The grounds for removal shall be any behavior deemed unethical by the Executive Board and/or serious negligence in the discharge of the duties of that office.
- B. Removal Procedures: The following procedures shall be followed in all proceedings leading to the possible expulsion of an officer and shall not exceed a 30-day time limit to the time of the resolution unless a delay is obtained from the State Chair.
 - 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 three signatures from student officers of at least three local chapters.
 - 2. If said resolution to consider the removal of an officer should pass the Executive Board by simple majority, that same officer's sponsor shall guarantee that adequate defense shall be made by the officer, by telephone, by mail, email, or in person, to all those who shall vote on the question of his/her removal. The sponsor shall make a concerted effort to make sure the officer's defense is presented to the entire Executive Board in a timely manner.
 - 3. After the officer in question shall have finished his/her defense, a three-fourths vote by secret ballot of the Executive Board shall be necessary to remove the officer. No officer shall be denied proceeding aimed at his/her removal.