

Constitution of the Fargo North Junior Classical League

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Preamble

We, the members of the Fargo North Junior Classical League, in order to promote cooperation, establish a basis for order, increase unity, promote friendship, and encourage understanding among this organization's many members, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

Article I

Structure

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Fargo North Junior Classical League.

Section 2. The FNJCL shall be a federated chapter of the National Junior Classical League and the North Dakota Junior Classical League.

Section 3. The emblem and pin shall be a torch encircled with a laurel wreath.

Section 4. The colors shall be Roman purple and gold.

Section 5. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote a thorough understanding of Roman and Greek life, history, literature, and their influences on the modern world, work with other local chapters for the encouragement of the understanding of the ancient Greeks and Romans, and extend the work of the Junior Classical League to other schools.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Membership will be given to all those attending Fargo North High School or Ben Franklin Junior High School, and who are willing and ready to be members of the FNJCL provided he/she has taken, will take, or is taking a high school course in a classical language or the humanities.

Section 2. Membership fees will consist of a preliminary fee, and other fees depending on the participation of the FNJCL member in areas including conventions and trips.

Section 3. The FNJCL shall exist as long as the participants include one advisor and one member of the FNJCL.

Section 4. The FNJCL membership shall consist of an advisor who teaches a classical language or humanities course at Fargo North High School, or a college graduate who has taken a classical language or humanities course in college. The advisor must be a member of the American Classical League.

Section 5. Anyone who fits the requirements for membership as stated in this constitution shall be admitted into the FNJCL.

Article III

Election of Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the Fargo North Junior Classical League shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Historian, Editor, and Technology Coordinator.

Section 2. In order to run for an office in this organization, a potential candidate must meet the following qualifications:

- A. The student must be taking a classical language or humanities course at the time of elections or have completed all such available courses.
- B. The student must be able to serve the complete term of office while in high school.
- C. The student must previously have attended at least one State, Regional, or National Junior Classical League convention.
- D. All officers are expected to attend a majority of meetings and help plan this chapter's responsibilities at the State convention.

Section 3. The tenure of office for all officers shall be from the day of swearing into office to the day of the swearing in of the officers of the next year.

Section 4. One may seek the same office for more than one term, provided the requirements for becoming an officer are still met by the student.

Section 5. The candidacy procedure will be as follows:

- A. A potential candidate will notify the Parliamentarian, President, or advisor of this organization of the office he or she intends to run for.
- B. Any candidate wishing to change the office being sought in elections may do so by informing one of the officers.
- C. The Parliamentarian shall announce the candidates and accept other candidates intending to run for a local office at a preplanned meeting.
- D. In the event of a vacant office, the Parliamentarian shall receive nominations for this office. The offices will either be filled with the nomination(s) from those attending the meeting or that office will not be filled at all.

Section 6. The election procedure will be as follows:

- A. The election of local officers shall be held at a predetermined time at which most students are in class.
- B. Campaign speeches not to exceed two minutes shall be given to the assembly of delegates at a predetermined meeting.
- C. Candidates shall be allowed to have no more than ten dollars (\$10.00) spent on their campaign. Wall-hung materials shall be limited to no more than five (5) standard sized (22" x 28") posters. Campaigning shall be permitted until the time when the assembly for voting commences. After this time, it shall be prohibited. Before the voting assembly, all campaign materials must be removed.
- D. All those a part of the FNJCL shall vote either in their language class or ask for a ballot from the advisor to fill at their leisure.
- E. The Parliamentarian or other officer(s) shall conduct the vote and count the ballots.
- F. The candidate for each office earning the most votes wins.

- G. The vote shall be a secret ballot.
- H. The institution of officers will be as follows:
 - 1. The outgoing President will read the FNJCL Oath of Office as the new President repeats it:

I, (name), as FNJCL President, promise to uphold and carry out my duties as stated in the FNJCL Constitution and Bylaws. I further promise to carry out the recommendations of the local advisor and to help promote Latin and the Junior Classical League during my term of office.

- 2. The newly installed President will then read the oath to the newly elected officers as they repeat it.

Section 7. The impeachment procedure will be as follows:

- A. Any officer may be impeached and removed from office by a jury composed of the other officers and two (2) representatives from each level of Latin for not performing the duties outlined in the constitution or for actions unbecoming to an officer of the Junior Classical League.
- B. Each member of the jury shall have one (1) vote and a two-thirds majority shall be necessary for impeachment and subsequent removal from office.
- C. A petition for an officer's impeachment bearing the signatures of at least two-thirds of the local members of the FNJCL and presented to the FNJCL Parliamentarian shall be sufficient to mandate an impeachment vote.
- D. The local officers and local advisor may also request the formation of an impeachment jury and the subsequent vote.

Section 8. Should a vacancy occur in any office other than President, the advisor shall name a qualified person, with his or her agreement, to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

- A. In the event the advisor has no qualified person to name as replacement, the executive board shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.
- B. If the office of President becomes vacant, the First Vice-President shall be appointed President.

Article IV Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall have the following duties:

- A. Presiding over local meetings.
- B. Chairing all officer meetings.
- C. Appointing all committees and supervising the activities in an effort to ensure all FNJCL projects are carried out properly.
- D. Representing the organization at any meeting of the State Junior Classical League and at any meeting where a delegate from this organization is required.

Section 2. The First Vice-President of Membership shall have the following duties:

- A. Fulfilling the duties of President in the event of illness or inability to serve.
- B. Determining the need for any committees and, if necessary, serving as chair or co-chair.
- C. Approving and supervising any fund-raising projects held on behalf of the FNJCL.
- D. Maintaining a current list of all members in this organization and keeping a list of pertinent data: e.g. e-mail address, address, telephone number.

Section 3. The Second Vice-President of Publicity shall have the following duties:

- A. Fulfilling the duties of President in the event of illness or the First Vice-President's inability to serve.
- B. Obtaining publicity for this organization.
- C. Informing all members of rules for the State Spirit Contest.

Section 4. The Parliamentarian shall have the following duties:

- A. Becoming the authority on the interpretation of this constitution.
- B. Holding responsibility for and making all decisions concerning the correct observance of parliamentary procedure according the newly revised *Robert's Rules of Order*.
- C. Executing the duties of the President in the event that the President and both Vice-Presidents are unable to serve.
- D. Keeping order during all meetings.
- E. Working with the First Vice-President to recruit candidates for local office.
- F. Receiving papers of candidacy of all candidates running for local office, and reviewing the qualifications of each candidate.
- G. Organizing a committee for conducting all elections for this organization, stating rules under which the election will be conducted, counting the ballots, with assistance from the Secretary, and reporting the results.

Section 5. The Secretary shall have the following duties:

- A. Keeping an accurate record of the proceedings during meetings.
- B. Keeping and updating all membership records, working in conjunction with the First Vice-President, and safeguarding them to pass on to the succeeding Secretary.
- C. Handling the correspondence of this organization.
- D. Assisting the Parliamentarian with the elections at local meetings and giving reports on any updates.

Section 6. The Historian shall have the following duties:

- A. Efficiently compiling and filing all FNJCL materials and maintaining and adding to the FNJCL scrapbook.
- B. Designating an official photographer to obtain photographs for the scrapbook.
- C. Assisting the Second Vice-President in promoting the FNJCL.
- D. Maintaining contact with the State Historian and contributing to the State Scrapbook.

Section 7. The Editor shall have the following duties:

- A. Planning, printing, and distributing the *Chickpea*.
 - B. Collecting articles and information of interest for publication.
- Section 8. The Technology Coordinator shall have the following duties:
- A. Maintaining and updating the FNJCL website and other online resources.
 - B. Assisting all other officers in publishing materials on the FNJCL website.
 - C. Entering the FNJCL website into the national website contest.

Article V

By-Laws and Amendments

- Section 1. By-laws contrary to any provisions of the constitution may not be established.
- Section 2. By-laws may be established, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting predetermined to act on the constitution in this manner.
- Section 3. Amendments of any nature are to be presented to the FNJCL President and shall be reviewed by each officer.
- Section 4. Amendments and by-laws to this constitution shall be presented at the chapter meeting. When a voting day is decided all those in attendance shall vote by secret ballot.
- Section 5. The proposed amendments and/or by-laws shall be passed with a two-thirds majority vote.

Article VI

Ratification

The constitution shall be ratified at a predetermined meeting of the FNJCL and shall be ratified by a 2/3 vote of all present members. Likewise, it may be abolished by a ¾ vote.