

Amendment # 1 (Student dues increase to \$5)

Current Language: Bylaws section A. Dues: Proper payment consists of payments of the annual dues (NJCL and SCJCL) on or before February 1st. To meet payment requirements, all chapters must pay the three (3) dollars per student fee.

Proposed Revision: ~~Proper payment consists of payments of the annual dues (NJCL and SCJCL) on or before February 1st. To meet payment requirements, all chapters must pay the three (3) dollars per student fee.~~ **Proper payment consists of payments of the annual dues (NJCL and SCJCL) on or before February 1st. To meet payment requirements, all chapters must pay the five (5) dollars per student fee.**

Rationale: The rationale behind increasing the SCJCL fee from \$3 to \$5 per student stems from a need for additional funding due to rising operational costs, a desire to enhance programs and activities, and to ensure the financial stability of the SCJCL.

If implemented, the increase to \$5 per student would directly result in more revenue for SCJCL. This additional funding could then be used to improve the quality and range of activities offered to students, cover administrative expenses, or invest in resources that benefit the organization and its members.

Amendment # 2 (Presidential candidate requirements)

Current Language: None

Proposed Revision:

Presidential candidates are required to have held at least one (1) previous SCJCL officer position.

Rationale:

The rationale behind requiring SCJCL presidential candidates to have held at least one previous officer position is to ensure that candidates have sufficient experience and understanding of the organization's operations, leadership responsibilities, and membership needs. This prior experience helps them to be more effective leaders if elected. In short, it ensures candidates are experienced and understand the organization.

Amendment # 3 (Archivist, Editor, and Webmaster as appointed positions)

Current Language:

All candidates must be approved by the Nominations Committee, including those nominees who have pre-filed forms and they must be presented first in the committee meeting.

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The offices of Archivist, Editor and Webmaster shall submit their application to the officer board to appoint the best candidate.

Rationale: The amendment ensures skill-based roles are filled by those with the right expertise, while leadership roles maintain a broader skill focus. This would also allow students who are unsuccessful in their election an opportunity to still serve on the board, since applications will be collected after Spring Forum.

Amendment #4 (Nomination and Election Procedures)

Current Language:

Article VI

Section F: Nomination Procedures.

Filing for Office. Any eligible person who wishes to run for South Carolina Junior Classical League office may become a prospective candidate by filing the designated forms with the SCJCL Parliamentarian before SCJCL Spring Forum.

Nominations Committee. A candidate shall be nominated by a Nominations Committee which shall consist of two previously selected voting delegates from each chapter attending the Spring Forum. The SCJCL Parliamentarian shall serve as the chair of the Nominations Committee.

All candidates must be approved by the Nominations Committee, including those nominees who have pre-filed forms and they must be presented first in the committee meeting. There can be no nominations from the Spring Forum floor unless there is a state of emergency. When the Nominations Committee has at least one pre-filed nominee for an elected office, additional nominations will not be accepted at the Nominations Committee Meeting. If more than two nominees for an office have pre-filed, the Nominations Committee will vote to select only two candidates. If only one candidate has pre-filed for a SCJCL office, then that pre-filed candidate will automatically fill the seat for that office. For the nominations, the Nominations Committee shall select the required number of nominees to have no more than two candidates. In case of a tie, the SCJCL Parliamentarian shall cast the deciding vote. The State Chair (or their representative) shall meet with the committee to act as an advisor.

A campaign speech limited to three (3) minutes on behalf of the state candidate shall be allowed before the Nominations Committee at the SCJCL Spring Forum.

Proposed Revision:

F. Nomination Procedures.

Filing for Office. Any eligible person who wishes to run for South Carolina Junior Classical League office may become a prospective candidate by filing the designated forms with the SCJCL Parliamentarian before ~~SCJCL Spring Forum~~ **the deadline set by the SCJCL Board.**

Nominations Committee.

A Nominations Committee will be held during the Spring Forum. The committee shall consist of two previously selected Voting Delegates from each Chapter attending the Spring Forum. The SCJCL Parliamentarian shall serve as the chair of the Nominations Committee. The State Chair (or their representative) shall meet with the committee to act as an advisor.

1. When the Nominations Committee has at least one pre-filed nominee for an elected office, additional nominations will not be accepted at the Nominations Committee Meeting.
2. **If there are no pre-filed nominees for an office, the Parliamentarian may call a State of Emergency. In the case of a State of Emergency, nominations from the floor may be allowed. Certain requirements or restrictions may be waived for State of Emergency candidates as determined by the SCJCL Parliamentarian and SCJCL Executive Board.**
3. A campaign speech limited to three (3) minutes on behalf of the state candidate shall be allowed before the Nominations Committee at the SCJCL Spring Forum.
4. **Each Chapter in good standing and which was represented by two Voting Delegates at the meeting of the Nominations Committee shall have two votes. Each Chapter which was represented by only one representative at the meeting of Nominations Committee shall have one vote. Each Chapter which was not represented at the Nominations Committee shall have no votes. A Chapter's votes may be split between two candidates. A Chapter may vote "present," whereby their vote shall count towards no candidate.**
5. **A candidate must receive a plurality of votes in order to win their election. Should an office be vacant due to no candidate receiving a plurality, the incoming SCJCL Executive Board will receive applications and appoint a Candidate to fill the vacant office.**

Rationale:

1. Candidates are expected to pre-file well before Spring Forum, as has been practiced for years. Candidate forms are not collected at Spring Forum. Candidates are expected to be able to meet and adhere to deadlines, which is an essential skill for a SCJCL officer.
2. Candidates are not confirmed at Spring Forum as the current wording dictates; eligible pre-filed applicants are added to the ballot automatically.
3. This amendment clarifies options on how a chapter may vote. (2 votes/1 vote/“present”).
4. Switching to a plurality vote mirrors NJCL’s election system and would allow more candidates to stand for an office, rather than having a runoff election and paring the race down to two candidates at Nom Com as the current text dictates if there were to be more than one candidate pre-filed for an office.
5. A candidate running unopposed will be voted on rather than automatically filling the position. This would allow chapters to assure that serious and qualified candidates are being elected to office.
6. The ability to waive certain requirements would allow the board to entice applicants to apply for a state of emergency vacancy to ensure that the position is filled.
7. If an office is vacant at the end of spring forum, the board will collect applications and choose someone to fill the position. This ensures that all Board positions will be filled.

Amendment # 5 (1st VP Responsible for Agora)

Current Language:

Duties of the First Vice President.

- Hosts the fall Classics Day. This includes contacting a host school, creating an agenda for the day, and working closely with the State Chair in order to create a fun learning environment.
- Communicates with South Carolina schools in order to increase the interest in and membership of SCJCL.
- Serves as a resource for local JCL Officers to contact concerning suitable programs for their chapter.

Duties of the Second Vice President.

- Is in charge of the Spirit Contest at the NJCL Convention.
- Runs the Spirit and Roll Call contests at the Spring Forum.
- Executes the duties of the President whenever both the President and First Vice President are unable to serve.
- Chooses, organizes, and presides over a fundraising activity to benefit travel to the National Convention. This includes running the community service project at the Spring Forum.
- Determines and plans the community service project that all chapters participate in at the Spring Forum.

Proposed Revision:

Duties of the First Vice President.

- **Is responsible for hosting and operating agora at both Spring Forum and National Convention.**

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Rationale:

The reason for this amendment is to officially assign the responsibility of operating agora to a specific officer and to lessen the workload of the 2nd VP who is responsible for multiple events/activities at Spring Forum and National Convention.