

Texas Classical Association
Constitutional Revisions Committee Report
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In accordance with Bylaw 6 of the TCA Constitution, a constitutional revisions committee – Andrea Stehle of John Paul Stevens H.S.; Nicole Lehmann of Alamo Heights H.S.; and John Chu of Health Careers H.S., all from San Antonio, TX – was formed by TCA President Jennie Luongo to review and suggest possible amendments to the existing TCA constitution.

As of this report, three significant changes have been considered for inclusion in the constitution.

FIRST, the constitution currently allows for one individual to take on editor responsibilities for both the *TCA Newsletter* and the *Texas Classics in Action* journal. However, given the requirements unique to each publication, and the *de facto* reality of two editors already serving on the TCA Executive Board, the TCA constitution should be amended to both reflect this new reality, and accommodate a separate editor each for the newsletter and journal.

The membership of the Texas Classical Association is asked to consider and approve the following **amendment** to the TCA Constitution:

That **Article II, Section 3, Part F**:

F. The Editor

- *shall edit, publish and mail to the membership the TCA Newsletter and the Texas Classics in Action journal as needed and submit electronic versions of these publications to the Web Manager*

Shall be **amended** to **Article II, Section 3, Parts F and G**:

F. The TCA Newsletter Editor

- *shall edit and publish the TCA Newsletter for the membership as needed and submit an electronic version of this publication to the Web Manager*

G. The TCA Journal Editor

- *shall edit and publish Texas Classics in Action journal for the membership as needed and submit an electronic version of this publication to the Web Manager*

SECOND, under the current membership types listed under Article I, Section 4, Part C, the “Sustaining” membership category mirrors the “Regular” membership, with a higher cost, but lacks any other additional privileges or benefits.

The membership of the Texas Classical Association is asked to consider and approve the following **amendments** to the TCA Constitution:

That **Article I, Section 4, Part C**:

***C. Sustaining:** dues for this class shall be higher than those for regular membership if a member wishes to contribute over the regular amount, but with no additional privileges*

Shall be **removed** from the TCA Constitution, and

That **Article I, Sections 6 and 7**:

***Section 6.** The membership of the TCA shall be encouraged to contribute tax-deductible donations to the organization for the purposes of scholarship funding and overall organizational support.*

***Section 7.** Any donations can be added to existing TCA membership dues, or mailed separately to the TCA Secretary-Treasurer.*

Shall be **added** to the TCA Constitution.

THIRD, the Texas Classical Association has offered and awarded eligible members opportunities in Classical studies and instruction in the form of scholarships. In order to make such details officially recognized, the TCA Constitution should be amended to include information regarding scholarships.

The membership of the Texas Classical Association is asked to consider and approve the following **amendments** to the TCA Constitution:

That **Article VIII, Scholarships**:

***Section 1.** The Texas Classical Association shall offer scholarships for eligible students, apprentice teachers, teachers, and professors, for the purpose of supporting continued work and pursuits related to the world of Classics.*

***Section 2.** Specific details and monetary amounts associated with each scholarship may change at the discretion of the TCA Executive Board, and can be accessed through the TCA Newsletter or the official TCA website.*

Section 3. *The scholarships are as follows:*

A. The TCA Professional Scholarship

- *This scholarship is intended to support projects undertaken by members of the association who have at least two years of full-time classroom teaching experience in classical languages cultures; and who have been an active member of TCA for at least two years. Recipients may reapply after five years.*
- *The project may involve attendance at a course, foreign travel with specific objectives, creation of instructional materials, or any other worthwhile activity connected to the teaching of classical languages or cultures. Stress is placed on the contribution of the project to the applicant's future skills as a classics teacher.*
- *The scholarship funds must be used within one calendar year from receipt. A report of the recipient's activities or project will be made at the next TCA fall meeting following completion.*

B. The TCA Gareth Morgan Student Teacher Scholarships

- *Students enrolled in a Latin certification program in Texas may apply for one of two of these scholarships.*
- *Applicants must be student teaching in Latin and must maintain a 3.00 GPA in Latin or Classics, with an overall GPA of at least 2.85.*
- *The monies received will be used during the semester the recipient is student teaching.*

C. TSJCL Louriana Miller and Gareth Morgan Scholarships for High School Seniors

- *Two scholarships in honor of Louriana Miller and Gareth Morgan are awarded (one by the Texas State Junior Classical League (TSJCL) and the other by TCA) to qualified high school seniors who are planning to continue their study of Latin and the classics while in college.*
- *Recipients must take Latin or Greek their freshman year of college. Enrollment in Latin cannot be at a beginning level, and course in classical civilization shall not be accepted.*
- *JCL chapters may nominate only one student each. The chapter, which has the TSJCL Latin Student of the Year, is ineligible to nominate a member.*

D. Doris Kays TCA Professional Development Scholarship for New and Future Teachers

- *This scholarship supports both future teachers, and teachers new to the profession who would like to attend a seminar, workshop, or course designed to provide meaningful professional development for a career teaching in the classics. The money can be used to defray travel expenses, materials, textbooks, or tuition costs.*

- *The scholarship is named in honor of Doris Kays, in memory of her enormous contributions to the TCA and the teaching of Latin in the state of Texas.*
- E. *The Ruben Shannon Lovinggood Scholarship for Teaching Materials***
 - *The TCA is proud to offer this scholarship for new teachers or teachers in new programs to assist in the purchase of books and classroom or instructional materials.*

Shall be **added** to the TCA Constitution.

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