

Texas Classical Association
Constitutional Revisions Committee Report
Executive Board and TCA Business Meetings
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In accordance with Bylaw 6 of the TCA Constitution, a constitutional revisions committee – John Chu of Health Careers H.S. from San Antonio, TX, Larry Martin of Amarillo High School from Amarillo, TX, and Claudia Monsalvez Clark of TMI Episcopal– was formed by TCA President Larry Martin to review and suggest possible amendments to the existing TCA constitution.

As of this report, six changes have been considered for inclusion in the 2019 constitution.

***FIRST*, Article 1. Section 3.** The purpose of the Texas Classical Association shall be to foster the teaching of Classics and to encourage an interest in them in Texas. Members of the Texas Classical Association are urged to join the Texas Foreign Language Association to unite in support of the teaching of foreign languages in Texas.

Because this is our purpose statement, this committee believes that we do not need to include another organization in our purpose statement.

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

That **Article 1. Section 3.** The purpose of the Texas Classical Association shall be to foster the teaching of Classics and to encourage an interest in them in Texas. Members of the Texas Classical Association are urged to join the Texas Foreign Language Association to unite in support of the teaching of foreign languages in Texas.

Shall be **amended** to read:

Article 1. Section 3. The purpose of the Texas Classical Association shall be to foster the teaching of Classics and to encourage an interest in them in Texas.

SECOND, Article II. Section 3. Part E. states that the ***Historian***

- shall keep the official copy of the history of the association and update it annually
- shall maintain the archives of the association

Because of the establishment of our TCA Facebook page by our historian, Miranda Wenzlaff last year, we recommend that the duties of the historian reflect maintenance of social media.

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

E. Historian

- shall keep the official copy of the history of the association and update it annually
- shall maintain the archives of the association

Shall be **amended** to read:

E. Historian

- shall keep the official copy of the history of the association and update it annually
- shall maintain the archives of the association
- shall maintain social media for the association

THIRD, **Article III, Section 4, Part B** currently reads

The ***Scholarship Committee*** shall have three members and shall have the responsibility of establishing criteria and selecting recipients for the TCA Professional Scholarship and the Gareth Morgan Student Teacher Scholarships. The Committee shall also select the recipients of the TSJCL scholarships as requested by its Executive Board and Advisors.

Because TCA has several more scholarships that have arisen over the last five years, the committee recommends this part be simplified.

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That Article III, Section 4, Part B:

B. The ***Scholarship Committee*** shall have three members and shall have the responsibility of establishing criteria and selecting recipients for the TCA Professional Scholarship and the Gareth Morgan Student Teacher Scholarships. The Committee shall also select the recipients of the TSJCL scholarships as requested by its Executive Board and Advisors.

Shall be **amended** to read:

B. The ***Scholarship Committee*** shall have three members and shall have the responsibility of establishing criteria and selecting recipients for all the TCA Scholarships.

FOURTH, There is a small change in **Article III. Section 4**. There shall be two Standing Committees of the association....

Because the constitution actually lists three standing Committees the opening needs to be changed to three.

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

That **Article III. Section 4.** There shall be two Standing Committees of the association....

Be **amended** to read **Article III. Section 4.** There shall be three Standing Committees of the association....

FIFTH, there was some discussion about whether or not the constitution should reflect a statement of diversity, but because the constitution or bylaws are essentially documents intended to describe and direct the "nuts and bolts" of policies and procedures for an organization, we believe that such a statement would be more appropriate coming from the President or from the Executive Board as a whole. Should the Executive Board decide to add a committee for diversity, ethical standards, etc. and at that point, the mechanisms, makeup, and purposes of such a committee would, in fact, need to be outlined in our governing documents.

The TCA Constitutional Revisions Committee encourages the Executive Board to issue a statement on diversity because of all the recent issues at CAMWS and NJCL and not to make a change to the constitution about diversity at this time.

SIXTH, the by-laws do not provide specific verbiage that allows the President and Executive Board to appoint ad hoc committees. This committee notes that a website committee is needed to update our website and would like to recommend an addition to the by-laws.

The membership of the Texas Classical Association is asked to consider the following amendment to the bylaws:

7. The President and the Executive Committee are empowered by the membership to convene any ad hoc committees as needed for the proper governance of the association.

TCA Constitutional Revisions Committee: John Chu, Larry Martin, and Claudia Monsalvez Clark