

Amendment #1: Election Procedure Without a State Convention

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B. Provisions: Two candidates will be chosen for each office from the applications submitted to the Parliamentarian, unless fewer than two are submitted and/or candidates are deemed ineligible by the Nominations Committee. These applications, the specifics of which can be found on the Officer Application Form, must be submitted to the Parliamentarian at least six weeks before the State Convention.

1. State of Emergency: In the case there are no pre-filed candidates for an office, the Parliamentarian will call for a State of Emergency no later than the first assembly of State Convention. During a State of Emergency, nominations will be accepted by chapters in good standing. Should there be more than two nominations, the Nominations Committee will nominate two candidates. If a candidate is ineligible, the Nominations Committee has the right to overrule the disqualifications by a simple majority only if there are no other alternatives.

C. Chapter Limitations: The Nominations Committee may nominate up to, but not more than, two candidates from each chapter.

D. Campaigning: Each candidate may campaign only after the candidates' speeches to the General Assembly at the State Convention.

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materials and all applicable receipts to the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian will confiscate excess campaign materials in order to assure compliance with the Constitution; failure to comply with the Parliamentarian's decision will result in the disqualification of the candidate.

E. Election Procedure:

1. Voting Delegates: Each chapter shall be allowed two voting delegates to represent the entire chapter, unless only one voting delegate is present. In such a case, the one delegate shall be allowed only one vote for that chapter. Every voting delegate must attend the Candidates Open Forum and Election Assembly in addition to being a member in good standing of the chapter they represent as well as the California and National Junior Classical Leagues, and must not be a concurrent candidate.

2. Procedures: The officers shall be elected by secret ballot at a voting assembly during the annual State Convention. A simple majority of all votes cast, including abstentions, shall be necessary for election.

a. If an office remains vacant after elections, the Parliamentarian shall call for candidates no later than the final assembly of State Convention. Candidates may be considered only if they meet all requirements outlined in Article VI, with two exceptions. First, candidates may succeed members of their chapter in the same office, waiving the requirement in Article VI, Section 2, Subsection A, Clause 4. Second, candidates may be considered even if two other candidates from their chapter have been elected, waiving the requirement in Article VI, Section 3, Subsection C.

b. The outgoing Executive Board shall interview all candidates qualified under Article VI, Section 3, Subsection E, Clause 2(a) for the vacant office and appoint one.

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F. Election Procedure if there is not a State Convention

- 1. If there is not a State Convention, there shall still be an election for the next year's state officers.**
- 2. Campaign materials (speech, bio, campaign flyer, etc.) for the candidates shall be published on the CAJCL website for local chapters and voting delegates to view. Local chapters shall be notified when the election process is happening. Each chapter must have two delegates view campaign materials in order to receive two votes.**
- 3. In lieu of holding a Candidates Open Forum, candidates should still be asked questions by the Parliamentarian and other members of the CAJCL community for which they should write formal responses to be posted with the rest of their campaign materials on the CAJCL website.**

Rationale:

The CAJCL has had to hold an election of their student board without holding a state convention in the past. The most recent of these occurrences was in the Spring of 2020. In this instance, the CAJCL Parliamentarian was left completely in the lurch, without a proper procedure to follow in order to elect the next CAJCL Board. Having procedure in place within the constitution which ensures that there will still be an election even if there is not a convention, that all candidates campaign materials will be posted on the CAJCL website, and that there will be a way for the CAJCL community to ask questions of the candidates, gives the Parliamentarian a framework in case of future extenuating circumstances. This process outlined in the amendment is the election procedure we followed during the completely asynchronous and virtual 2020 CAJCL election.

Amendment #2: Social Media Campaigning

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3. The Parliamentarian shall outline the rules for online/social media campaigning at the start of the election process, after consulting the State Chair and the Parliamentarian advisor, and communicate these regulations to the candidates.

Rationale:

There must be an aspect of our constitution which outlines some rules for social media and online campaigning as our world becomes more and more virtual. If unregulated, it might give one candidate an unfair advantage. However, strictly outlining rules regarding virtual campaigning and social media would not make sense as these platforms and how we interact with them are constantly changing. So, having an amendment which states that outlining virtual/social media campaigning rules is something the Parliamentarian should do during every election is a way to have regulations in place that can change as needed with developing technology.