

Proposed Revisions to OCC Constitution (Articles I-VIII)

The following is an outline of a Revision of Leadership Structure and Articles I-VIII of the OCC Constitution. I have tried to make only minimal changes to the OCC Constitution, using the language of the current form, and focused on the Leadership revision as we discussed at our meeting. You may compare my revisions with the current Constitution, as I did revise some of the language of the introductory Articles, as well as the Leadership structure (Executive Officers and Executive Council).

My rationale for the changes is essentially to simplify the structure for Leadership and to encourage some continuity of experience.

I have used the CAMWS structure as a model, hence a President, one Vice-President, and combining the Secretary and Treasurer into one office. In the Secretary-Treasurer combination it seemed to me that the stated duties of each in the current Constitution were closely related and that one individual could handle both; the importance of those duties, however, also seemed to me to warrant greater continuity, hence the 4 year term as opposed to the 2 year terms for President and Vice-President.

The Executive Council replaces the current Council of up to 18 members with Officers (3) and Appointed members (6) to provide both leadership and voices from prime constituencies.

The Fall Forum Coordinator (essentially what Christy does so well now) appointment on the Executive Council highlights the utmost importance of having an annual meeting that runs smoothly and enables the greatest productivity from a meeting that takes place on a single day.

I did also combine the duties of overseeing and responsibility for the the website with editing and publishing "Humanitas" which will become essentially an online

journal. The Editor of the OCC Website and “Humanitas” will be able to recruit and appoint assistants as necessary to accomplish both responsibilities.

The inclusion of the OJCL representative reflects what I believe is one of the strengths of the OCC as a state organization, enabling crucial contacts and interaction between secondary and college level faculty and student.

The appointment of faculty (secondary level and college level) and a student representative (undergraduate or graduate level) will offer important observations and suggestions about the direction of the OCC to ensure the Conference represents current trends and interests, as well as responding to the continuously changing focus of the academic community in Classical Studies.

LEADERSHIP (proposed revision)

Officers: (title/years) (may be re-elected for a second term)

President/ 2 years

Vice President/ 2 years

Secretary-Treasurer 4 years

Executive Council: (Officers and Appointed Members)

9 members

Elected:

President

Vice-President

Secretary-Treasurer

Appointed:

Fall Forum Coordinator (3 year term, renewable)

OJCL Representative (3 year term, renewable)

Editor of OCC Website and “Humanitas” (3 year term, renewable)

At-large: University/College level faculty member (2 year term, renewable)

At-large: Secondary level faculty member (2 year term, renewable)

At-large: student member (undergraduate/graduate level) (2 year term, renewable)