

CONSTITUTION

of the

Association of Members Interested in the Classics in Iowa

AMICI

TABLE I

All previous constitutions and by-laws, if any, of Iowa state classical associations are hereby superseded.

TABLE II

Name and Purpose: The name of this organization shall be the *Association of Members Interested in the Classics in Iowa* or *AMICI*. Its purpose shall be to promote interest in the study of classical languages and classical antiquity in the schools, colleges, and universities of Iowa. *AMICI* will foster fellowship among those with a shared interest in the classics and will provide the broadest possible framework for any activities dealing with the classical world. Also, as an active organization for teachers, *AMICI* is intended to help students of the classics obtain the greatest benefit from their courses.

TABLE III

Members: every teacher of Latin, Greek, or classical civilization who lives or works in the state of Iowa shall be considered a *member* of *AMICI*. **Supporting members:** members in good standing who have paid, in full, the annual dues of the association shall be known as *supporting members* of *AMICI*. Other persons with an interest in the classics may become supporting members of *AMICI* by paying the annual dues. **Constituent members:** all supporting members present at the annual meeting(s) shall be known as *constituent members* and shall have the right to vote.

TABLE IV

Officers: In order to provide equal representation in *AMICI* for both instructors at the college/university level and teachers at the elementary/secondary school level, all administrative duties of the association shall be performed by a *collegium* of officers. Each *collegium* shall consist of one member of the full faculty at any college or university in Iowa and one teacher from any elementary or secondary school in the state. Each *collegium* shall hold office for two years and all officers may succeed themselves. The chief officers of *AMICI* shall be the *consuls* who shall take responsibility for the program at the annual meeting(s), appoint all necessary committees and subcommittees, and supervise editing of the association's newsletter.

In addition to the consuls, there will be a secretary-treasurer, who may be from either the collegiate or elementary/secondary-school level. The secretary-treasurer will be elected for two consecutive two-year terms and may be elected to subsequent two-year terms. The secretary-treasurer will be responsible for dues collection and the *AMICI* treasury, the biannual newsletter **Amicitia**, and the *AMICI* web page.

TABLE V

Annual Dues: The amount of annual dues for the following academic year shall be recommended by the consuls to the general assembly at each spring meeting of *AMICI*, and shall be voted upon by the constituent members at that time.

TABLE VI

Meetings: Formal meetings of *AMICI* may be held each autumn and spring. The *autumn meeting* is intended to be for teachers only and shall be used for planning the yearly activities of the association. The *spring meeting*, which is to be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Iowa Junior Classical League, shall be open to both students and teachers and may contain a program of workshops, seminars, and formal presentations. All decisions pertaining to annual meetings (dates, locations, cancellations, fees) shall be made by the consuls, upon advice of the general membership.

TABLE VII

Meeting Rules of Order: Robert's *Rules of Order, Revised* shall govern the procedures of this association in all cases to which those rules apply and in which they do not conflict with any other rules passed by the membership.

TABLE VIII

Amendments: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the constituent members at any business meeting (autumn or spring), provided that a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been included in the notice of the meeting sent out to all members.

TABLE IX

This constitution shall take effect and be in force immediately after its ratification by a two-thirds vote of the constituent members present at the spring meeting of 1988, provided that copies thereof shall have been included in the notice of the meeting sent to all members.

TABLE X

After adoption, this constitution shall be signed by both of the consuls who are serving at the time of its adoption, and the signed copy, together with all amendments and by-laws, shall be kept in the custody of the consuls.

TABLE XI

State VP: The Iowa state vice-president to the Classical Association of the Middle West and South shall act as the state's representative on all matters related to career placement in the field of classical studies. Schools anticipating positions available in the field of classical studies, whether at the college/university level or the elementary/secondary school level, should be directed to send notification of this fact to the CAMWS vice-president. ***All members of AMICI who are about to leave their current positions, for whatever reason, are likewise expected to send timely notification of this fact to the CAMWS VP.***

TABLE XII

Speaker's Bureau: The *speakers' bureau* of *AMICI* shall function as a *committee of the whole*. To wit: all classicists in the state are expected to respond to reasonable and periodic requests for their time in addressing groups of students or colleges at other institutions. Elementary or secondary school teachers may be asked to speak on the benefits of Latin to prospective language students or about careers in education to student teachers; college or university professors may be asked to speak on topics related to their field of specialty. All schools or individuals who request a speaker from the *AMICI* Speakers' Bureau are expected to: 1) allow the speaker some flexibility in choosing the date of the presentation, as well as the specific topic to be addressed; 2) honor the speaker's other commitments and make only those requests which can be met without undue burdens of time or personal resources; 3) limit the total number of requests made in any single academic year. Local customs concerning *honoraria* or other reimbursement shall apply to the *AMICI* Speakers' Bureau.