

Constitution of the Georgia Philological Association (established 2006)

(revised 2017)

Preamble

The Georgia Philological Association exists for the purposes of exploring and exchanging ideas within the field of philological studies.

Article One: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Georgia Philological Association.

Article Two: Membership

Membership shall be open to students, teachers, scholars, and creative artists in the field of philological studies.

Article Three: Officers

The officers of this organization shall be (1) the President, (2) the Vice President, (3) the Clerk, and (4) the Treasurer.

Article Four: Meetings

The meetings shall take place annually at a site in Georgia.

Article Five: Committees

Section 1: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine members: the President, the Vice President, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Chairperson for Local Arrangements, the immediate past President, two at-large members, and the Editor (or Co-Editors) of the Journal of the Georgia Philological Association.

Section 2: Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee.

Article Six: Amendments

Proposed amendments shall be written into the constitution of the GPA and are subject to approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting.

Article Seven: Publication

The official publication of the Association shall be the Journal of the Georgia Philological Association, and it is expected that the journal will be published annually.

Article Eight: Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership in GPA is an honor that cannot be purchased or petitioned by the holder; it is conveyed by the president with support of the Executive Committee in recognition of a significant history of service to and support of the association. Nominations for life memberships must come from the Executive Committee. Life members' membership fees are waived, but any conference fees must be paid if the member attends the annual conference. The designation of lifetime membership is for exemplary service and is not to become an annual recognition.

BY-LAWS**1. Election of Officers**

- a. The Vice President shall be elected annually for a two-year term, during the second year of which s/he shall assume the Presidency.
- b. The Clerk and the Treasurer shall be elected for a three-year term.
- c. Vacancies of unexpired terms shall be filled at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

2. Duties of the Officers

- a. The President shall preside at annual meetings, call and chair Executive Committee meetings, and coordinate all activities of the organization.
- b. The Vice President's primary duties shall be to assist in the development of the program for the annual meeting.
- c. The Clerk shall keep all of the records of the Executive Committee meetings and of the annual meetings.
- d. The Treasurer shall maintain all procedural and financial records of the organization.

3. The Chair for Local Arrangements shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee. This position shall be filled by a representative of the institution hosting the annual meeting.

4. Two at-large members shall be elected to the Executive Committee from the general membership to serve two-year terms; at least one at-large member should be selected from an institution other than the host institution.

5. The GPA Executive Committee, upon nomination, shall approve the appointment of an Editor (or Co-Editors), who shall be responsible for editing the journal. The Editor (or Co-Editors) shall serve as a voting member of the GPA Executive Committee. The Editor (or Co-Editors) shall appoint an Editorial Board who shall serve for terms established by the Editor. The Editor (or Co-Editors) may also appoint an Associate Editor and student editorial intern(s). The Editor (or Co-Editors) shall serve for a renewable term of two years.

6. Membership dues and registration fees shall be determined annually by the Executive Committee.

7. The Vicki Hill Memorial Graduate Recognition Award, established in 2017, shall be awarded each year to the graduate student who presents the most successful paper at the annual meeting. The GPA Executive Committee shall determine the amount of the award and announce the award in the written CFP and by word of mouth and shall provide an opportunity for GPA members and attendees at the annual meeting to give donations for the award. The amount collected each year for the award shall be included in the GPA budget with a notation indicating the balance for the award. The GPA Executive Committee shall vote after the annual meeting to determine the winner to be recognized. The Executive Committee also may vote to cancel the recognition award if circumstances arise for such a need. In such an event, the balance from the recognition award, if there is one, shall be counted with the general funds.

8. All members shall be expected to publicize calls for papers and other circulars generated by the organization, and to undertake any other liaison work for the organization on their respective campuses. They should encourage colleagues to submit papers for the annual meetings. They should forward the names of possible guest speakers to the President of the organization. They should urge colleagues to join the organization or renew their memberships. They should attend business meetings at the annual meetings. They should enlist referees for evaluating papers submitted for the annual meetings.