

**Elizabethtown College Chapter Constitution
Society for Collegiate Journalists**

Article I -- Name and Purpose

Section 1 -- This organization shall be known as the Society for Collegiate Journalists, a national honorary society for collegiate mass communications, journalism and other media. It is a not-for-profit organization operating on campuses of recognized and accredited colleges, universities and institutes awarding degrees upon completion of a two-year or a four-year program.

Section 2 --Subject to the requirements and limitations set forth in the articles of incorporation, the purposes of this organization shall be to improve the quality of student mass communications, journalism and other media at the college level.

It shall teach the ethics, techniques and mechanics of such media and encourage student participation in local campus communications, journalism and other media and to strengthen the student media of publishing and broadcasting and to promote the understanding and the support of freedom of student expression including freedom of speech and press for all college students.

The Society will urge adequate and stable financing by the college for student media. The society will reward student communicators for their efforts, services, and accomplishments by admitting those students into its membership.

Article II -- Membership

Section 1 -- Classes of Membership: There shall be four classes of membership: 1) Active, 2) Honorary, 3) Alumni.

Section 2 -- Right to Confer Membership: The right to confer membership in Active, Honorary, or Alumni members shall reside in local campus chapters, The National Council of the Society of Collegiate Journalists, or in the Biennial National Convention.

Section 3 -- Active Membership shall consist of any student enrolled in Elizabethtown College whose is a staff member of one of the following: the Etownian, the campus newspaper, WWEC, the college radio station, the Conestogan, the college yearbook, ECTV, the college television station, Fine Print, the literary magazine for the college and of any print or electronic journalistic endeavor recognized by the Executive Committee of this chapter.

Membership Conditions:

- 1) A candidate must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- 2) A candidate must have served at least one academic year on one of the above approved communication mediums.

- 3) In the case of a Junior or Senior, the candidate must have served at least 4 months on one of the above-approved communications mediums.

Section 4 -- Alumni Membership: Upon graduation or the ending of class attendance at college, active members become alumni members. Alumni members are welcome to continue affiliation with their local chapter and should be contacted if they have indicated this desire to the local chapter. Persons who were unable to become active members while in college, yet who were active publication or broadcast staff members may be designated as alumni members if they so desire.

Section 5 -- Honorary Membership may be conferred by local chapters, the National Council or the National Convention upon any person who has been identified as having promoted interest or encouraged participation in journalism or allied fields.

Article III -- Election to Membership

Section 1 -- Election to membership shall be by open ballot at a meeting of a local chapter, or a meeting of the National Council of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, or at its National Convention and shall require:

- a) In the case of local chapters a favorable plurality of the active members present and voting, provided there is a quorum present at said meeting of at least 60 percent of all active members.

Article IV -- Officers

Section 1 -- The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, historian, treasurer and club council representative.

Section 2 -- The Executive Committee of this organization shall consist of the officers and the SCJ chapter advisor who shall be a non-voting member.

Section 3 -- Nominations for officers shall be received and officers elected prior to the end of the spring semester. Officers shall serve for the academic year next following their election.

Section 4 -- Officers shall be installed the last meeting of the year.

Section 5 -- Duties of the President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the organization and over meetings of the Executive Committee; shall enforce the Constitution; shall be a voting member of the organization; and shall be the principle representative of the organization.

Section 6 -- Duties of the Vice President: The Vice President shall preside over all meetings of the organization and over meetings of the Executive Committee in the

absence of the President and shall perform all the other duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice President shall be directly responsible to the President for the accomplishment of all committee undertakings and all committee chairmen shall be directly responsible to the Vice President. The Vice President shall be a voting member.

Section 7 – Duties of the Secretary and Historian: The Secretary and Historian shall record and keep on file in the Department of Communications office the proceedings of all the meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee, shall maintain a written record of such meetings and proceedings; shall provide copies of such written records as required by any official college committee, board, council or the Dean of Student Affairs. The Secretary and Historian shall report on these proceedings as requested by the President at meetings of the organization. The Secretary and Historian should be voting members.

Section 8 – Duties of the Club Council Representative: The Club Council Representative should attend all meetings required by Student Senate and report back to the Executive Committee all information pertaining to the club. The Representative shall be a voting member.

Section 9 – In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice President shall succeed to the office until the next formal election of the officers. In the event of the resignation of the Vice President, Secretary, Historian, Treasurer or Club Council Representative, the President shall be empowered to appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the person(s) who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the vacated position(s) until the next formal election of the officers.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1 – This organization shall meet at a time and place designated by the President, with the approval of the advisor, and at such times as the President and the advisor deem necessary.

Section 2 – A meeting shall be held during the spring semester where new members will be inducted.

Section 3 – A majority of the active membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the organization. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at its meetings.

Section 4 – Whenever a quorum is present, a majority vote of those present shall be sufficient to approve action.

Article VI – Awards

Section 1 – A schedule of awards to be presented at the annual department awards banquet shall be offered for the approval of the Executive Committee at the earliest

practicable session. Such awards are to be planned for, with the advisors of the organizations from which members are drawn.

Section 2 -- College policies governing the approval for solicitation of monies for awards must be followed.

Section 3 -- The criteria for such awards shall be determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with the before mentioned advisors and possibly with the members for the professional media who sponsor the awards. The Executive Committee will choose awards.

Article VII -- Rights of Chapters

Section 1 -- Officers of Chapters: Subject to the provisions of this constitution, each chapter has the right to choose its own officers, manage its own finances, elect its own delegates to the National Convention, and conduct such activities as conform to the best interests of the Society.

Section 2 -- The officers shall be Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Club Council Representative and Chapter Historian, or any combination thereof.

Section 3 -- There shall be an adviser whose duty it is to see that the chapter is always in direct contact with the National Council and the National Executive Director. The adviser's greatest service is encouragement of chapter officers and members to maintain a well-organized program of activities. Of equal importance is the adviser's role in providing continuity of the chapter's life from year to year. An advisory board could assist in these responsibilities.