

Proposed Amendments to Article VI of the Washington State DeMolay By-Laws

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Summary: To remove the Elected Office of Deputy State Master Councilor and add the Appointment of a State Scribe to be recognized as an Elected State Officer.

Proposed: Amendments are noted in Red. Strikethroughs are items for deletion.

Rationale: The addition of the Deputy State Master Councilor has not achieved all its intended goals. These Amendments shorten the timeline to become State Master Councilor yet keep the positives of having four Officers on the State Corps. These changes would better reflect the original goals and enhance the State Chapter Programs.

Proposed Effective Date: Immediately upon adoption.

ARTICLE VI - Elected State Officers

Section 1. Elected State Officers

The Voting Delegates at the Conclave/Convention shall elect a State Master Councilor, ~~a Deputy State Master Councilor~~, a State Senior Councilor and a State Junior Councilor.

Section 2. Eligibility Requirements to Stand for Office

a. All Candidates.

To stand for election for an Elected State Office, a Candidate:

1. Must be an Active Washington DeMolay Member in good standing of a Washington State DeMolay Member Chapter in good standing and obtained his Proficiency Card;
2. Must provide a copy of his School cumulative GPA Transcript. The candidate must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA (or equivalent depending on his schools grading system) with no current failing classes to run for office;
3. Must submit a statement signed by the candidate's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) giving their consent for their son to run for Elected State Office and acknowledge that they understand the duties of the position and personal and financial responsibilities of being an Elected State Officer; ~~and~~
4. The candidate's Chapter Advisory Council must submit a provided Candidate Form signed by the Chairman and Chapter Dad Advisor. This confidential Form provides for acknowledgement of candidacy, meeting of minimum requirements, and comments for consideration of final approval; ~~and~~
5. Must have successfully completed all lessons of the Leadership Correspondence Course (LCC) and received the Representative DeMolay (RD) Award.

b. State Master Councilor.

To stand for election for the office of State Master Councilor, a Candidate:

1. Must not have attained his twenty-first (21st) birthday at the time of election; and
2. Must have served as ~~the Deputy State Master Councilor~~ an Elected State Officer for at least one (1) term prior to his election or receive special dispensation from the Executive Officer.
3. Must prepare a term plan and budget for approval by the Executive Officer for his presumptive term as State Master Councilor no later than March 15th.

~~c. Deputy State Master Councilor.~~

~~To stand for election for the office of Deputy State Master Councilor, a Candidate:~~

- ~~1. Must not have attained his twentieth (20th) birthday at the time of election;~~
- ~~2. Must have served as an Elected State Officer for at least one (1) term prior to his election, or receive special dispensation from the Executive Officer; and~~
- ~~3. Must have successfully completed all lessons of the Leadership Correspondence Course (LCC) and received the Representative DeMolay (RD) Award.~~

~~d.c.~~ State Senior Councilor and State Junior Councilor.

To stand for election for the office of State Senior Councilor or State Junior Councilor, a Candidate:

1. Must be a Past Master Councilor of a Washington State DeMolay Member Chapter;
2. Must not have attained his twentieth (20th) birthday at the time of election;
3. ~~State Senior Councilor candidates must have submitted a completed application for the Representative DeMolay (RD) Award and~~ Must have served either one (1) term as ~~State Junior Councilor~~ a Region Master Councilor or have been awarded the Past Master Councilor's—Meritorious Service Award (PMC-MSA);
4. ~~Must have successfully completed the first three (3) lessons of the Leadership Correspondence Course (LCC);~~ and
5. Must be the First-Line Signer of at least three (3) DeMolay members.

Section 3. Method of Electing State Officers

The election of Elected State Officers provided for in this Article shall be conducted at the Conclave/Convention by ballot to be cast by Voting Delegates as outlined in Article V. A simple majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Abstained and blank ballots shall not be counted as a cast vote.

Section 4. No Step Down Permitted

Any DeMolay who is running for an Elected State ~~the Office of State Master Councilor, Deputy State Master Councilor or State Senior Councilor~~ may not run for a lower office if defeated.

Section 5. Office of State Scribe

The newly Elected State Master Councilor may appoint a State Scribe to serve with all rights, privileges, and honors of an Elected State Officer. The State Scribe must not attain his twenty-first (21st) birthday by the end of the term. The State Scribe must meet the eligibility requirements listed in Article VI, Section 1.a. The proposed name will be presented for unanimous approval of the State Dad Advisor and Executive Officer.

Section 65. Commencement of Term

The Elected State Officers shall take office at the Conclave/Convention at which they are elected/~~appointed~~ or at such time as determined by the Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction.

Section 76. State Master Councilor – Presiding Officer

The State Master Councilor shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of Washington DeMolay;
- b. Preside at all meetings of Washington DeMolay State Chapter;
- c. Regulate all activities of Washington DeMolay including management of the term programs and all committee performance;
- d. Shall appoint State Event and Committee Chairmen and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of Washington DeMolay; and
- e. Attend the International DeMolay Congress as a delegate.

Section 87. Subordinate Officers

The ~~Deputy State Master Councilor~~, State Senior Councilor, ~~and~~ State Junior Councilor, ~~and~~ State Scribe shall work and perform at the discretion of the State Master Councilor.

- a. The ~~Deputy State Master Senior~~ Councilor shall:
 1. Serve as second-in-command of Washington DeMolay and assist the State Master Councilor as directed;
 2. Represent the State Master Councilor in his absence at designated functions or serve as the principal leader;
 3. Attend the International DeMolay Congress as a delegate; and
 - ~~4. Prepare a term plan and budget for approval by the Executive Officer for his presumptive term as State Master Councilor no later than February 10.~~
- b. The State ~~Senior Junior~~ Councilor shall:
 1. Serve as third-in-command of Washington DeMolay and assist the State Master Councilor as directed; and
 2. Represent the State Master Councilor in his absence at designated functions or serve as the principal leader;
- c. The State ~~Junior Councilor Scribe~~ shall:
 1. Serve as forth-in-command of Washington DeMolay and assist the State Master Councilor as directed;
 2. Represent the State Master Councilor in his absence at designated functions or serve as the principal leader; and
 3. Serve as the official Scribe for all meetings of the Elected State Officers and promptly compile written minutes of said meetings for internal record keeping.