

# SCSPA STUDENT OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

PLEASE READ THIS SECTION OF THE SCSPA CONSTITUTION BEFORE  
CONSIDERING TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

## ARTICLE V - STUDENT OFFICERS

**Section 1.** State officers shall be president and vice president. The student board will also consist of up to two representatives from each of the following areas: broadcast, magazine, newspaper, yearbook, Piedmont, Midlands and Coastal. The officers shall be high school students during the terms they are to serve.

**Section 2.** The president, vice president, and representatives shall be elected to one-year terms at the spring conference by plurality of vote cast by the representatives of those member publications in attendance. The foregoing officers shall be nominated through recommendation by their publication staffs.

**Section 3.** All officers shall be South Carolina high school students connected with the publications of their representative schools, which shall hold membership in the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.

**Section 4.** The duties of the president shall be to preside at sessions of the annual conferences, to attend Executive Board meetings, to appoint special committees if necessary, and to promote the association throughout the state.

**Section 5.** The duties of the vice president shall be to assist at sessions of the annual conferences, to attend Executive Board meetings, and to assume the presidency in case of resignation, removal, or death of the president.

**Section 6.** The duties of the representatives shall be to assist at sessions of the annual conferences, to attend Executive Board meetings, to promote the association and to enlist memberships.

**Section 7.** If no officer candidates come forward during the standard nomination period, write-in nominations will be accepted at the spring conference opening session. In the event that there are no candidates for a given representative position, the adviser area representative(s) from that area will be responsible for appointing a student representative. If the vice president position is not filled, the runner-up for president will be appointed vice president assuming that more than one student runs for president.

# STUDENT OFFICER ELECTION RULES

## SCSPA Spring Conference • USC's Russell House

- Each current member staff of SCSPA is allowed to nominate one person for each position.
- Candidates must be rising juniors or seniors.
- Nomination forms must be postmarked or received by the deadline date. No nominations will be taken from the floor. However, write-in candidates will be accepted if no previous nominations for a position have been received.
- Only presidential candidates will give a campaign speech (two minutes max.) during the opening session.
- Candidates are encouraged to campaign during the morning prior to the opening session. All candidates, however, must follow these general guidelines:
  - ✓ No flyers may be posted on the walls or in display cases in the Russell House.
  - ✓ No campaigning that slows down the registration process will be permitted.
  - ✓ All candidates must report to the registration table and check in when they arrive.
  - ✓ *Violation of any of these campaign rules could lead to a candidate's removal from the election.*
- All candidates will be introduced during the opening session.
- Voting will take place at the end of the opening session, and the winners will be announced at the beginning of the afternoon awards session. Only member staffs in attendance may vote.
- All candidates are reminded that, if elected, they are required to attend both board meetings, one summer and one winter, as well as the September and April conferences. All of these functions will be held at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Board may remove officers or representatives who do not fulfill their responsibilities.
- Candidates must be present unless extenuating circumstances prohibit their attendance. Such circumstances must be communicated to the SCSPA office prior to the conference.
- If student officers attend two board meetings and one conference, the student will receive a free SCSPA student membership.

# SCSPA ELECTION MAP



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# SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

## Student Officer Nomination Form

Email a brief biographical sketch that stresses the nominee's qualifications for the office being sought. Since only presidential candidates at the conference will give **campaign speeches**, it is important to remember that the biographical sketch will be used by the conference delegates to select the winning candidates.

**Email a mugshot photo of themselves at a minimum of 150 dpi for use on the SCSPA website and in SCSPA publications. (schopres@mailbox.sc.edu)**

The staff of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Middle/High School wishes to nominate the following officer(s) for the SCSPA Student Board Division. One candidate per office per school only. Staff must be a current member of SCSPA to nominate candidates and candidates must be registered for the conference to run. Attendance is required unless there are extenuating circumstances which have been communicated to the SCSPA office prior to the conference.

### State-wide Offices:

#### **PRESIDENT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

### Representative Offices:

#### **COASTAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

#### **PIEDMONT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

#### **MIDLANDS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

\*See enclosed map for your school's region.

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**BROADCAST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

**MAGAZINE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

**NEWSPAPER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

**YEARBOOK**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL

ALL NOMINATIONS must be endorsed by the editor or producer and the adviser.

Editor's/Producer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form and its attachments via**

• **fax (803-777-4103) OR**

• **email (schopres@mailbox.sc.edu or dennislc@mailbox.sc.edu)**

**Though fax or email submission is preferred, you may also submit form by mail to:**

SCSPA - Student Elections  
School of Journalism and Mass Communications  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208

**Check website for nominations postmark deadline.**

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