

TISL Officers ... what to expect

The eight-member Executive Council manages TISL through the year and prepares for the next General Assembly. Serving as an officer can be rewarding and expand your TISL experience.

Officers are ambassadors for TISL, which means they frequently call on other campuses, university administrators and state officials. The best officers are self-motivated and self-confident as they initiate campus visits and other opportunities to advocate TISL.

In many respects, the Executive Council's work throughout the year resembles a statewide political campaign with some of the same strategic planning and scheduled execution.

Officers' duties and responsibilities are further enumerated in Article V of the TISL Constitution.



Duties for All Officers

Attend the next General Assembly.

Communicate frequently with other officers.

Participate in all Executive Council meetings and teleconferences.

Attend most Pre-TISL Regional Workshops.

Serve as liaison to about 10 colleges and universities, visiting their campuses and communicating about TISL with student leaders, faculty and administrators. Officers are typically assigned to visit schools near their own.

Specific Duties

Governor — CEO. Convenes Executive Council meetings and sets the agenda. The Governor is TISL's primary ambassador to non-students such as alumni and state officials. The governor is expected to make at least one statewide trip to visit colleges.

Secretary of State — The Secretary of State is the official record keeper for TISL. He/She prepares minutes of each Executive Council meeting for prompt distribution to the Executive Council. The Secretary of State prepares and distributes legislation at the General Assembly and manages the flow of bills between committees, the Senate and the House.

Attorney General — The Attorney General is the Executive Council's expert about the Constitution and about other laws affecting TISL. The Attorney General organizes the Supreme Court and administers elections at the General Assembly.

Treasurer — The Treasurer serves as TISL's chief financial officer. He/She receives funds and deposits them in the bank, receives bills and expense reports and prepares checks to pay them, reconciles the bank account and otherwise oversees the finances.

Speaker of the Senate/House — The speakers' ability to preside over the Senate and House is a major factor in the success of the General Assembly. Speakers should be skilled in parliamentary procedure. Each speaker will also select and appoint a Chief Clerk, Sergeant at Arms and other chamber officers.

Speaker Pro Tem of the Senate/House — The Pro Tems should be highly skilled in parliamentary procedure.

Expenses

Officers are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses according to policies developed by the Executive Council.