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It's that time of year again, one of excitement and sadness. For some delegates, this is their first convention, and for others, it is their last. It's a time of change for the WJCL, as old officers make way for the new and strangers become friends. In my humble opinion, Convention is the real life equivalent of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*; something is always lost, but more often than not, something even more beautiful remains. This year has been a testament to the WJCL's metamorphosis. Lexi has done a fantastic job this election season, making the election process as smooth as possible, while Elena has created a fantastic WJCL instagram (@WisconsinJuniorClassicalLeague). Not to mention, Dina remade the website with stunning results. Of course, Mullins' heroically and forcefully inviting University School of Milwaukee to the WJCL and Simon organizing the giant peach at Nationals has been a highlight of my time on this board. Aliyah had done an amazing job as secretary for Wisconsin, but she's moved on to bigger and better things while Peter, the current WJCL Secretary, has seamlessly taken over. He has captured with amazing detail all the Board meetings in a single document.

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MADWEST'S STELLAR HOCO!

The goal of any Latin Club, much like the goal of any wistful Roman senator, is to get their name out to the people. *Et puer*, did they do just that! Madison West's Homecoming parade sported a Legion of Mags' Roman revivalists equipped with swords, armor and a unicycle! The *mirabile visu* however, had to be the handcrafted chariot. Pulled by some of MadWest's finest, the chariot wheeled Empress Mags through the parade. Noah, the Didalocus of this creation, spent 70 hours making the chariot. Dressed in togas, stolas, and Latin pride, these enthusiastic students are an example for all Latin lovers. Keep it up, MadWest!



IO SATURNALIA!

Graham crackers, frosting, and candy littered Magistra Wallach's room this past holiday season. Each year, Homestead's Latin Club hosts a Saturnalia spectacular: a ginger bread (graham cracker) house making competition. Each Latin level formed a team and picked a "sweet" monument to recreate. Armed with Twizzlers and Snocaps, the teams set out to accurately, and skillfully, create their rendition with spectacular results. Alex Williams, senior, commented on the event. "I've never been to the gingerbread party before, but it was so fun!" Clare Hanson, junior, believes "The event really allowed me to get to know others in a fun and tasty way." Although all graham cracker creations were stupendous, the Latin IV's and their *Lupanar* was the most notable, boasting a second story, garden, and "workers". When ask about why the IV's decided to build such an amorous building, they replied, "Because it's tradition." Among the other projects were Latin I's house, Latin II's Mount Vesuvius and Arch of Titus, and Latin III's Coliseum. Way to spread some holiday cheer guys!

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And Kearny, you are a crazy good at budgeting and equal to Morgan Freeman when narrating the treasury report. I can't forget to mention how Eli somehow has united all of us to form an organized and efficient Board. Let me tell you, that is a task. But there is still one more group I haven't mentioned, and that's you: the Wisconsin Junior Classical League Delegation. Without you, your enthusiasm, and your ideas, there would be no Board for me to be a part of. So let me say thank you. You, the WJCL have been an outstanding part of my life these past few years. I have made some fantastic friends, picked up a few questionable skills, and learned what it really means to have spirit. I don't think I can say I have been involved with another organization as positive and exceptional as the WJCL. You have never failed to inspire and entertain me during Ludi and Certamen, and have always made me proud to be your Editor. I would be shocked if a delegation better than Wisconsin exists, and I will always treasure the memories you guys have given me. So, for the final time:

Ave atque vale,
Maddie Frank
WJCL Editor

ADVICE

One second, let me think of something.
-Eli Judge,
President

Delegate everything.
-Andrew Mullins,
First VP

Don't screw up the
number. And listen.
-Michael Kearney
Treasurer

Fudge the numbers to
achieve world domination. Also,
money always buys votes.
-Lexi Slater,
Parliamentarian

Let your Latin freak flag
fly.
-Maddie Frank
Editor

In the words of every photographer
ever: take a thousand photos and pray
one turns out good enough to use.
-Elena Gratton,
Historian

Make sure Michael Kearney
proofreads the minutes before
you send them out. He knows all.
-Peter Arndt,
Secretary

Be like me.
-Simon Rosenblum-
Larson,
2nd VP

Really work on being patient.
Communication will get tangled
and people may not understand
why you need something in a
certain format. That's life. Don't
get mad and especially don't
blame yourself for every single
thing that goes wrong.
-Dina Carpenter-Graffy
TechCo

CANDIDATES

Michael Kearney, President



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I am currently a junior at Marquette High. Beyond Latin, my favorite activity is Debate, in which I have competed for three years. I volunteer for a group called Miracle League (shameless plug, go check it out) and enjoy watching sports. I also enjoy eating, sleeping, and reading, with my current favorite book being *Deep Down Dark*. I also like to hang out with my two younger brothers, Stephen and Thomas.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for the position of President. The most obvious reason is to give back to the WJCL; it has given me a lot in the past few years, and I want to make it even better. Becoming President would allow me to facilitate the direction of conversation and action and move the organization forward. Currently I feel that I have the experience needed to do this.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

Although I would not say anything has to be changed per se, I feel that a few things can be added on to what we already have. There are a number of Wisconsin schools who aren't involved in JCL and I want them to see the passion we have for the classics and what we do. My second goal would be to facilitate inter-state competition. Currently, our contact with other JCLs is only at Nationals. We have a great opportunity with several JCL states not far from us. Third, I wish to encourage inter-school fellowship through events such as community service projects.

Why are you the best for the position?

For one, I have the board experience that is required for the position and, thus, have the knowledge of the WJCL required. Also, having attended both two state and two national conventions have met and gotten to know a substantial amount of people – particularly important as the President acts as the first representative of the WJCL. I have also taken leadership roles at the club level and in other activities, including debate, which has allowed me to facilitate what I consider the most important skill of all – listening. I am the first to admit my weaknesses and will defer to others when I feel they are more capable than I, which not only allows me to be strengthened but also the organization as a whole.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday would be Easter. After going to church my extended family gathers together in a mini-Christmas type of thing and catch up (and it's also at the beginning of my spring break).

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Without a doubt, Zoboombafoo. To put it simply, if you haven't seen Zoboombafoo, you're missing out. Where else are you going to see a show where the main character is a lemur?
"Me and you and Zoboombafoo..."

Who is your Roman role model?

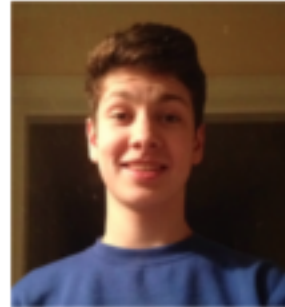
My Roman role model would be Atilius Regulus. During the Second Punic War, Regulus was captured by the Carthaginians under the Spartan mercenary Xanthippus. As the story goes Regulus was returned to Rome to convince them to surrender but instead Regulus inspires the Romans to fight on – however, he is returned to Carthage due to Roman honor and there is brutally killed. Regulus is the paragon of loyalty and I strive to be like him – minus the brutally killed part.

Anything else you'd like to share? (this one has no minimum sentence requirement)

Knock knock
Who's there?
Rome
Rome who?
Rome is where the heart is.

CANDIDATES

Myles Roeske, First VP



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

Outside of Latin I am a cross country captain for the biggest male team in the state. I'm also in charge of the biggest religious retreat in our school which involves all 305 of our freshman. I am the youngest of three brothers and no sisters. The closest people in my life is my family; we are all very close, especially my brothers.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for 1st Vice President because I feel like I am the best leader I can be. I would be running for president but Michael Kearney is more popular and would be an outstanding president. As 1st VP I know not only can I further my own experience to becoming a better leader, but I can teach others and be a role model for others. I am mainly running for 1st VP so I can help be that person to get others inspired by Latin.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I will work as hard as I can to get more schools involved in the WJCL. With more schools I feel we can be a more diverse delegation. Also, with more schools, we can expand our knowledge for the classics and become a more united team. I want to keep great communication with all schools so we can all still be involved in the classics and what's going on in the WJCL.

Why are you best for the position?

I am the best for this position because I know exactly what to do and what not to do. I know that a leader takes risks and does what he needs to do and sometimes what he can't do. Leadership requires immense courage in which I feel I acquire. Courage is the magic that turns dreams into reality and I feel like, with courage, we can really accomplish anything.

What is your favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because I am so close to my family. I love connecting with my family all day and playing especially winning in football.

What was your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite cartoon was Tom and Jerry. It would always play on Cartoon Network at noon so I couldn't watch it during school obviously, but when I was a child I was very sick all the time and when I stayed home from school this show would always make me feel better.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

My Roman role model is St. Ananias. He was called by God to heal and convert St. Paul in the New Testament. This was an extreme risk because St. Paul, who was called Saul before his conversion, persecuted Christians. Knowing that Ananias might be killed by Saul, he went anyway because of his trust and courage.

CANDIDATES

Lauren Arndt, Second VP



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I work at a restaurant in Delafield, love to sing and play piano, and I am a photographer for a Senior Bucks Basketball team. I also love watching Netflix and eating Chuck-fil-a. Additionally, I'm the assistant stage manager of the BEHS Drama Department, which keeps me pretty busy.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I'm running for Second Vice President because I love spirit and everything related to it. Latin is basically my life so getting more involved in any way possible would be an honor. I would also like to improve participation in service projects, which has been a problem in the past. I love giving back and I want to get the WJCL as a whole more involved with the community. I already have quite a few ideas for service projects, but I'm always open to suggestions.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

Upon being elected, I plan to implement ways to increase involvement in service projects. These will include: announcing dates of Service outings well in advance to maximize participation, choosing projects that are easier for big groups, and deciding on projects that are available to both the Milwaukee and Madison areas to cover the most ground. Second, I will proudly wear the cow suit at Nationals as well as introduce my own idea of what I call "The Cow Crew." Those in the "crew" would wear cow masks and engage in random acts of spirit. Keep an eye out for them at State Convention this year!

Why are you best for the position?

I believe that I would be best for the position because I'm a very spirited person. I also work to be a good leader as well. Within my own club, I facilitate elections as our parliamentarian. I've also learned a lot about the process of planning a state convention through my attendance of nearly every board meeting for the past two years.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

Besides Convention? It would have to be Christmas. I know that makes me pretty basic, but I actually love getting to spend the day with my loved ones and eating food. Christmas is definitely the second best time of year (Convention is first, duh).

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Kim Possible, mostly because she had red hair. Also because she fights crime and I have always wanted to be a superhero. I also carried a Kim Possible™ doll with me for about a year as a little kid (Yeah, I was a super cool child).

Who is your Roman Role Model?

I've always thought Poseidon was really cool. Being the God of the Sea is a big deal, not to mention an awesome title.

Anything else?

This is probably implied, but vote for me... please.

CANDIDATES

Clare Hansen, Second VP



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I feel that outside of school it is extremely important to get involved in the community. In my free time, I enjoy figure skating and participating in local activities. Additionally, I love to hang out with my friends and have impromptu dance parties with my besties! I also have an after-school job at a local spa in my area, as well as lifeguarding during the summer.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for 2nd VP. This position is important to me because I really love this community and I want to give back to WJCL as much as possible. Honestly, I love cheering and making a complete fool out of myself while surrounded by wonderful people doing the same thing. I believe that the WJCL provides an opportunity for us to grow and flourish, not only as individuals, but also to improve the organization.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

While the WJCL is already a fabulous organization, there are a couple of changes I would hope to implement. First, I would like to have more interaction between the chapters of the WJCL; for example, a beginning of summer barbeque party or other events. Furthermore I would like to increase the amount of community service we, as an organization do. My plan would be to do a community service project every month. That way, after every board meeting, whoever wanted to could perform community service in the area where the board meeting was held. Both of these changes would help foster friendships and bring us together more.

Why are you best for the position?

I am the best for this position, not only because I'm so fabulous, but also because the WJCL is so incredibly important to me and I want to do everything I can to better this organization. Before I entered the WJCL, I was a very shy and introverted person. If it weren't for the WJCL, I wouldn't have even included the word "fabulous" in writing, let alone run for a state office. I owe the WJCL a lot for helping me become the person I am today, which is why I am so passionate about this organization. I am also a very hard worker, and always focus on being the very best I can be. It is my sincere hope to have the opportunity to help further the progress and success of the WJCL, and I am very capable of doing so.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday would have to be Easter, because you get candy! But I also enjoy Easter because I can spend time with my friends and family.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite childhood show would have to be either Kim Possible or Pokemon. But I would have to go with Pokemon because when I was younger I would always wish that Pokemon were real. I guess its a good thing that they aren't though, because I would probably become really lazy and just make my Pokemon do everything for me.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

My Roman role model is Cloelia. She was not only brave but also very smart, two attributes that I feel are very important. She worked to help others, helping Roman hostages escape from Lars Porsena. Her thoughtfulness regarding others and her intellectual and emotional strength make her my role model.

Anything else?

Vote for Clare Hansen, the 2nd VP who's always dancin'!

CANDIDATES

Ruby Ladd, Second VP



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I'm a harpy. At least, that's what people call me when they find out I play the harp. Also, I've had this grudge against Poseidon ever since he flooded my basement a few years ago, so whenever I have spare time, I like to find bodies of water and poke them with sticks. It's very satisfying.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I'm running for 2nd VP because I love Latin. I've always loved Latin, but I've only discovered recently how fun it is to scream at other people about it. Particularly Texas. I wish to lead Wisconsin in out-screaming Texas.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

Picture this: You're a dedicated member of the WJCL. You want to give back to the community but, oh, what's that? The WJCL service project is today? That means...you have to get out of bed? Nah. Maybe next time. But then you remember that there isn't a next time. At least, not this year.

Enter Ruby Ladd.

With this new officer, there will be multiple service projects throughout the year, so that if you miss one, you can always show up at the next one! Attend service projects close to home, at reasonable times of day, for local and larger organizations to spread that JCLove!

As for keeping- we won one of the spirit days at Nationals last year. I'll keep that.

Why are you best for the position?

Leading my school into spirit this year, I literally had to start from scratch. None of my fellow Edgewood Latins had ever participated in spirit before. It hasn't been easy, but if I could motivate them to participate in spirit at the WJCL convention, I can get anybody excited about spirit at the NJCL convention in the summer. And, service? Edgewood requires that all students complete at least 100 hours of volunteer work before graduating. Service is perhaps what every Edgewood student becomes best at.

What is your favorite holiday and why?

Christmas, because cookies. I LOVE cookies to a degree that is probably not physically healthy. I love all cookies equally, but, let's be honest, chocolate chip cookies are just a little bit (a lot) better than the rest. Over the years, I have perfected the art of making chocolate chip cookies. Because I trust you (you specifically), I will share with you my secret procedure:

Step 1: Buy cookie mix

Step 2: Follow directions on back of the cookie mix

Step 3: Eat cookie dough (without getting Salmonella)

Step 4: Put remaining cookie dough into the oven

Step 5: Hide cookies from friends and family

Someday I think I will kidnap Santa and take his place so that I can eat all of the cookies.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

God, I loved pokémon as a child. As a child? Ok, no, let's be real, one does not simply outgrow one's love for pokémon. I still sing the original theme song in the shower sometimes.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

Nero. Sometimes, when the world is burning, you just gotta take a step back and chill, you know? Play a little harp. Sing. Worst comes to worst, you can always blame it on the new guy.

Anything else you'd like to share?

I enjoy KCIO3 vs. Gummy Bear reactions (look it up) and long walks on the beach.

CANDIDATES

Charlie Baker, Second VP



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I spend most of my time working on AP European History homework, but when I have time off, I spend it playing videogames on my computer, Wii, or PS3. I enjoy playing a good board or card game with my family or friends. As the leader of my Boy Scout troop, I also go on camping trips all the time. When I have a chance to hangout with people, I jump at the chance, enjoying being a "social butterfly".

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I decided to run for Second Vice President because I love Spirit and Service, and although this love was born from Boy Scouts, it was nurtured by Latin and the WJCL. I want to help Wisconsin represent its pride the best we can. I also want to help with the service, which has gotten the short stick of attention, but should be more important. Overall, I want to be 2nd VP to help improve the WJCL through the knowledge and know how that I have.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep??

I would like to make service a more prevalent part of the Latin. As the backseat part of our organization, I would like to try bringing it to the forefront by creating meetings with the 2nd VP of local chapters after the normal board meetings. After each meeting, there would also be a volunteering opportunity in either Milwaukee or Madison. These volunteering jobs would also be a chance to bond and talk about Spirit and ideas for Spirit. I would like to include Spirit and Service ideas from all chapters, even those who don't go to board meetings, so I would set up a Facebook group specifically for local 2nd VPs, along with email groups for those who don't have or use Facebook.

Why are you best for the position?

I feel that I am the most qualified for the position because I have close to 800 hours of service and have had multiple leadership position paired with work as a counselor. I have led my Scout troop through different positions for 2 years and learned new leadership strategies from top trained professionals over the summer. I was trained to help inspire and excite crowds. I have worked on mission trips to fix houses, I clean highways bi-yearly, and I do volunteering projects every one or two months. Through Boy Scouts and church I have worked hard to improve my community and the other communities around me.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is New Year's Eve because my family spends too much on overly pricey foods, and then eats it all of it within a 24-hour period. This along with just hanging out, playing videogames, and watching TV until around 2:00 with my brother makes New Year's the best.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show??

My favorite childhood cartoon has been, and still is, Calvin and Hobbes. While I used to enjoy it for the funny jokes and wacky characters, I now love it for the underlying jokes and themes that play out through out the comics. My favorite character was "Space Man Spiff" because he was the imaginary version of Calvin as a interplanetary astronaut.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

My Roman role model is Cincinnatus, who was a senator turned farmer turned dictator. Pulled from his fields, Cincinnatus was tasked with the duty of defending Rome from two incoming armies and saving some POWs. He managed to rally the men of Rome to fight, and completed his tasks within 14 days, at which time he gave up the power of Dictator for Life to continue working his field. He was once again called to office later in his life, this time completing his task in 17 days, and again gave up his dictatorial position.

CANDIDATES

Avery Ulschmid, Parliamentarian



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

In addition to Latin and schoolwork, I spend my time participating in a variety of different clubs and organizations. For the past two years I have played soccer on Brookfield East's Girls Varsity team, and have been captain of my club soccer team as well. To become more involved in my school, I have joined Student Council, National Honor Society, and my school's freshman mentor program, Link Crew. I've recently been involved with the tutoring program that my school's National Honors Society is running. I really enjoy being able to go and help younger students who are struggling. Also I participate in PEACE club (Promoting East Academic and Civic Excellence) which raises money for my school, and I hold the position of 1st Vice President in Earth Club. In addition, I have a part-time job working at a small family owned bakery.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for the position of Parliamentarian. The WJCL has made a positive impact in my life by broadening my interests and increasing my connections with people. I now want to become more involved with this organization and encourage young Latin lovers to do so as well. I chose Parliamentarian because I am committed to the short and long term health of the WJCL. I will show this commitment by upholding the Constitution, as well as presenting new amendments to improve the WJCL for generations to come.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I believe that the large majority of the constitution is solid and has endured through time. However, possible changes could be made to improve the Constitution. One of my main goals would be to make the Constitution more understandable in order to improve understanding among members. I feel that the addition of new amendments and bylaws will increase clarity regarding rules and procedures, and lead to a more effective constitution.

Why are you best for the position?

I believe I have the experiences and personal qualities to ensure that the job will be well done. I am currently a board member in my school's Latin club, and I have also attended two state conventions and one national convention, so I have considerable knowledge of how this organization runs and the jobs of the officers. I also have leadership experience because of my role as team captain for two years on my club soccer team. Because of my involvement in numerous extracurriculars over many years, I have developed great interpersonal and communication skills that will help me effectively connect with other officers and members.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is the 4th of July because then I know that National Convention is drawing near. We all know that Convention is the real reason to celebrate.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Growing up I always loved Spongebob, because why wouldn't you? Now, I especially relate to Spongebob's inability to pass his drivers test, with my own struggle to get a perfect score on the National Latin Exam.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

My Roman Role Model is Minerva because of her intelligence, wisdom and love of the arts. With her skills I would dominate at Convention.

CANDIDATES

Ram Gollapudy, Parliamentarian



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

Well, I take piano lessons and love to play songs and even some soundtracks in my free time. I also volunteer at a local hospital. Though not technically outside of school, I am part of the fencing team and am given the opportunity to stab people on a daily basis. Apart from that, I am a massive football and Packer fan and as a result I died on January 18, 2015. PRAY FOR ME :(

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for the position of Parliamentarian. I wanted to run for this position because you have the opportunity to make changes to the WJCL to make it even better than it already is, like finding suitable candidates for office. In addition, you get to run the NJCL voting process, which is pretty sweet. And of course, you get to propose laws and amendments and the idea that you can propose something that JCLers down the line could see makes this position seem really rewarding.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

Well, currently the only thing I have in mind that might need fixing is the selection process for the certamen teams for Nationals, as that caused some confusion last year. Obviously, in addition to that, I want to comb through the Constitution and bylaws to see if I can fix any slight problems. In the other aspects of the job, however, I really just want to at least maintain what Lexi did this past year because she did a great job! I have to remember to take really good notes for National's voting and get even more candidates than this past year, to the point where we hopefully won't have to declare a state of emergency.

Why are you best for the position?

I'm best for this position because I'm pretty dedicated to Latin and the JCL in general! I went to state last year, prepared for and attended the Harvard Certamen Meet (where, I'm pleased to say, we took second) and attended this past Nationals, where I really saw the extent of high school Latin. In addition, I hold numerous leadership positions at my school including Vice President of the sophomore student council and co-president of our science club. Oh, and I'm also one of those obnoxious people who corrects typos and grammar mistakes, and I feel that that kind of skill set is important for this position.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

Definitely Halloween. I mean, you get to beg people for candy AND scare the heck out of them, and who doesn't want that?

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Easily has to be the first seasons of Pokemon, all the way through Hoenn. That show had all the ingredients: hilariously stupid villains, obnoxious sidekicks, a clueless main character, and Pikachu. Oh, and a crazy catchy theme song.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

Crassus. The guy was crazy rich and had Julius Caesar and Pompey for friends! Even the way he died was pretty sweet, though I can't imagine that molten gold tastes that good.

CANDIDATES

Valentina Buccoliero, Parliamentarian



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I am a sophomore at Wayland Academy. I come from Brazil, but I was born in Italy and I lived most of my life there. On vacation I go and visit my family in Brazil, but when I am at Wayland I like to spend time with my friends, go to sports, and learn more phrases in different languages. I take German as well as Latin, but I have a passion for all languages.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for Parliamentarian because I believe it will enable me to get to know my fellow WJCLers better. As a parliamentarian, I'd like to take care of the matters of a club I enjoy so much and do my best to make convention memorable.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I have only been to one convention so far, but I thought it was a great experience. I wish to be someone everyone can talk to with their comments and changes they would like to see.

Why are you the best for the position?

I was Class President and in Model UN last year, both experiences enabled me to become more comfortable with public speaking and not only voicing my own ideas, but listening to other's ideas and implementing their ideas into my own.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

New Year's Eve is definitely my favorite. It just represents new beginnings so literally and it's the chance you have to make the new year better than the one before. It's a little nudge to use that day to change your year.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Dora the Explorer all the way!! I used to love sitting on the couch and answering Dora's questions and telling people Boots was my best friend.

Who is your Roman role model?

My Roman role model is definitely Scaevola. His bravery and courage is so inspiring and makes me want to love my country as much as he did.

Anything else you'd like to share?

After I started learning Latin, I grew a much greater appreciation for the Roman culture and history to which I have a firsthand experience in due to my years in Rome itself. Rome has a rich melting pot of culture, overflowing with heroic tales of times long ago. When I was little, I believed that I owned the Colosseum, and I was nice because I let people in to visit it.

CANDIDATES

Abby Guenther, Secretary



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

Outside of Latin and school, I am involved in a variety of other clubs and school activities, such as being captain of the Brookfield East varsity Swimming and Dive team. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends, watching movies, and going outside.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for the position of Secretary because I love taking notes, and keeping everything nice and neat. Also, because I love the WJCL and everyone in it.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

Although Peter, and everything he basically does is perfect, I would want to make sure all the minutes are sent out as soon as possible, and that everyone is able to access them. As for what I would keep, I love how Peter color codes and uses humor in his minutes, so I would keep that the same!

Why are you best for the position?

I am the best choice for the position of secretary because of the love I have for the WJCL. And because of my love for taking minutes, and sharing them with you!

What's your favorite holiday and why?

Probably Thanksgiving because you get lots and lots of food! And because it's right after the Epulum Jovis which was a sumptuous ritual feast which I consider basically to be a Roman Thanksgiving with more food!

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Most defiantly the Lizzie McGuire show. I like to think her movie, The Lizzie McGuire Movie, is what inspired me to take Latin in the first place, since the movie takes place in Rome.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

My roman role model is for sure mercury since he was a messenger of the gods, and I'll hopefully be the messenger of the WJCL getting you all your beloved minutes!!

CANDIDATES

Emily Catlin, Secretary



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

Outside of Latin, I play varsity volleyball and soccer at my school. I also participate in Art club and French club. In addition to school activities, I play club volleyball from winter to the beginning of summer. Latin and volleyball are my main passions, and I work to make them both my top priorities.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for the position of secretary. The reason I am running for secretary is that I have experience taking minutes. I took minutes at my church for various committees for almost two years. Because of my experience, I ended up developing a strange love for taking notes and making lists. Another reason I chose to run for this position on the board is my love for the WJCL. I want to give back to this organization because I have gained so much from the classics. I want to help give others a chance to experience it as I have.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

As secretary, I will be sure to have the minutes be available as soon as possible and to anyone who wants to view them. My goal is to have the minutes available within reasonable amount of time following a board meeting. I want to have the WJCL blog be a bigger part of the WJCL. I did not know we had a blog until the end of my second Nationals, so I want to be sure everyone knows it is available. The secretaries from the past few years have been readily available and have kept appropriate records, and even though they have left big shoes to fill, I can be the one to fill them.

Why are you best for the position?

I am the best for the position of secretary because I have experience, love to take minutes, and I love Latin and the WJCL. With these qualities, I believe that I would be a valuable asset to the board. I have been to three state conventions, including this convention, and two national conventions. Going to these conventions has given me an insight to how the board works as a cohesive unit.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday, along with most people, is Christmas. However, the reason that I love Christmas is not the same. I love decorating the Christmas tree and being able to watch football with family. During Christmas break my mother and I travel to Florida, which only makes Christmas that much better.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite childhood show would be anything with Scooby-Doo. I loved the theme song so much that my parents started to call me Scooby. Another reason I loved that show is that I loved and always will love dogs.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

I look up to Pliny the Elder as my Roman-role model. He had the courage to write on all of the subjects he loved, which is a goal of mine. He was a man of many talents and I have been drawn to him and his work since I learned about him.

Anything else?

Another thing everyone should know about me is that I love to laugh and enjoy the little moments in life. I find many things humorous, although not always at the right time. I find the little moments important, you only have one life to live so you might as well enjoy everything you can.

CANDIDATES

Julia Lingo, Secretary



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I am a clarinetist in the Philharmonia Orchestra of MYSO (Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra). I am also involved with the Youth Choir Ensemble of my church. I am on the varsity tennis team of my school. I am a devoted Whovian and Potterhead.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for secretary. I am running for it to become more involved in the WJCL and contribute to the organization. I enjoy attending the monthly WJCL meetings. I want to meet more awesome people that love Latin like I do.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I am hoping to keep the humor in the minutes. Humor will make the minutes more enjoyable to read. I will put out the minutes as quickly as possible. They will also be very descriptive so others know what exactly happened during the meeting.

Why are you best for the position?

I am a fast note-taker and very organized. By being secretary of my school's Latin club, I already know how to write minutes. I also take notes at the WJCL monthly meetings to share with my school's club. I come to most of the WJCL meetings so I already know how they run.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is Halloween because I like to see how much candy I can eat. Usually it's not that much because I eat it too fast.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite childhood show was definitely Arthur. I named my gerbils after the characters in that show.

Who is your Roman role model?

My Roman role model is Vespasian because he began the construction of the Flavian Amphitheater. He also had a great sense of humor.

CANDIDATES

David Giersch, Treasurer



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I am very much a man of contemplation. Cursed with severe asthma at an early age, I naturally developed hobbies and interests that did not depend on strenuous physical activity. These include musical pursuits (both the singing and playing thereof); as well as others like reading, gaming, and chess playing. Through my school, I am part of both orchestra and chorus, and this marks my fifth year participating in Forensics. I have a passion for languages: I have three years of French under my belt, as well as now two years of Latin, and am on a quest to teach myself Japanese. Naturally, Latin always comes first!

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am contending for the position of Treasurer. Latin and the WJCL have been such a wonderful experience for me that I want to increase my involvement. My aim is to give back to the program, and improve it even further; I think the position of treasurer is an excellent opportunity to accomplish this. I am confident I can perform the job more than satisfactorily. It's been a full year now since my first Convention, and I'm ready to start turning my experience into forward momentum.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

Every member of the board must be involved and committed, despite his or her position. As treasurer, I would hold true to my principles of dedication. In this respect, if elected, I plan to work to keep the board informed, and to offer insight and another perspective where I can, in addition to performing the prescribed duties of the office.

Why are you best for the position?

Every WJCL board member must be a representative for the members of the organization. The key to accurate representation of a population is personal connections within it. I am well acquainted with the WJCL members at my own high school, as well as many members from other WJCL schools whom I met at the 2014 NJCL Convention and through national level Certamen. I am friendly and approachable, and would gladly hear out any JCLer who has suggestions for the board.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

Call me cliché, but my favorite holiday is most definitely Christmas. I love Christmas music, ranging from to Bing Crosby and Dean Martin to Harry Connick, Jr. and Sting. For me, a classy White Christmas or a jazzy Winter Wonderland does wonders to complete the cozy atmosphere created by the tame fire on the hearth, the relaxed snowfall outside the window, the faint flavor of a steaming cup of tea. Add a classic novel, the likes of Lord of the Rings or Dracula, and this experience can't be beat.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite childhood cartoon was PBS Kids' show Redwall. It originally aired 1999-2001, so it was already on reruns by the time I started watching it. Based on a series of novels by Brian Jacques, it tells the stories of the mice, badgers, and other various small animals who inhabit Redwall Abbey. Unfortunately, by the time I discovered it was based off a series of novels, I was too old to thoroughly enjoy the books; but I still harbor a great deal of gratitude toward Brian Jacques for inspiring this show that shaped my childhood.

CANDIDATES

Jason Tan, Treasurer



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I am a sophomore at Brookfield Academy and currently taking Latin 3. I have attended one State Convention and one National Convention, both of which I enjoyed dearly. I play tennis and fence (sword-fighting, not making a fence) on the varsity teams. Also, I enjoy playing piano and singing in Milwaukee Youth Chorale. In my free time, I like to hang out with my friends, watch movies, and enjoy the great weather of Wisconsin (the last part was a joke).

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for Treasurer because I want to promote the WJCL and its spirit with my passion for Latin and strength in math. The WJCL has not only given me new friends but also helped me to explore the fantastic world of classics. Because of that, I want to give back to this awesome organization. By working as the Treasurer, I will be able to contribute to the WJCL as both a leader and a team player, advocating the concept of "bearing the torch of ancient civilization" and passing down this positive message to more schools in Wisconsin.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

While keeping the WJCL's financial records well-organized and updating the board members on a regular basis, I hope to strengthen our financial status with three changes. First, I plan to work with other board members and initiate two WJCL fund-raising campaigns in 2015, one in spring and the other in fall. Second, I would help to generate and execute innovative ideas of attracting more schools to the State Convention so that the WJCL will have stronger financial resources to support the State Convention and the National Convention. Third, I would like to work with other board members and influence more Wisconsin schools to go to the National Convention.

Why are you the best for the position?

I am the best for the Treasurer position because of my love for Latin, solid organizational/math skills, and strong willingness to serve the WJCL. First, being a friend of numerous WJCLers from many schools, I enjoy communicating and discussing ideas with them every day. Next, as a detail-oriented and well-organized student, I am confident that the WJCL can count on me for keeping its financial records clean and accurate. Lastly, I am always willing to work hard and make whatever contribution I can to propel the WJCL to the next level.

What is your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is Christmas because I love hearing the carols and tunes. In particular, this year Pentatonix's album, *That's Christmas to Me*, was amazing and allowed me to enjoy the holiday even more.

What is your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite childhood show was Yu-Gi-Oh! (I liked Pokémon equally), and my favorite character was Zane Truesdale from GX. I loved that character because he had so many fulfilling yet heartbreaking moments. For example, when Zane "went to the stars," his last words to Syrus and Jaden were tearjerkers.

What is your Roman Role Model?

My Roman Role Model is Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus. He was above Horatius Cocles and Mucius Scaevola because he demonstrated both valor and modesty. Given even the dictatorship, Cincinnatus accomplished what he was asked to do and relinquished his power after doing so. What a fine leader!

Anything else you'd like to share?

I can never have enough Certamen!

CANDIDATES

Teddy Stavropoulos, Editor



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I like to read; I particularly enjoy the works of Rick Riordan, J.K. Rowling, Lisa McMann, and many others. I like to study Greek and Roman mythology and history. I love playing certamen. Also, I take Greek dancing "lessons" at my church.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for the position of editor. Ever since I was a young child, I have loved to tell stories. That love developed into a love of writing. Eventually, after I joined the WJCL and saw the Torch, I decided that I wanted to write it to be a bigger part of the JCL community.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I would like to make the paper version of the Torch more easily accessible to students around the delegation. Hopefully, I can get more students to come to meetings and read the Torch. I would also like to get middle school Latin students in the know by providing the Torch to them. I would like to possibly see festing at convention during its own time, so students can feel free to take all of the tests without feeling rushed to get to their other events.

Why are you best for the position?

I am best for the position of editor because I have studied journalism in school. Also, I will do my best to make the Torch as entertaining as I possibly can. If I am elected, I will include topics people in our community want to hear about. Also, I am the best choice because I am the only choice.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is Saturnalia. I like Saturnalia because we made candied dormice as a snack during Latin club.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite childhood cartoon is Avatar: The Last Airbender. Specifically, my favorite episode is "The Blind Bandit", when they introduce Toph after "The Swamp".

Who is your Roman Role Model?

My Roman role model is Caligula. During his life, he got everything he wanted, and he so obviously became Zeus (and who wouldn't want to be a god), and wasn't insane. Plus, everybody loved him- right?

Anything else?

Fun fact- this picture of me is my first ever selfie.

CANDIDATES

Mathilda Harris, Historian



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I'm in Rocket Club, and this year I'm part of NASA's Student Launch program. My team's scientific project is detecting muons (subatomic particles). We're flying the project to one mile above ground level in a 14-ft rocket. I also run cross country and play basketball and lacrosse.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I'm running for historian. I love looking at the old scrapbooks and I'd love to make one. Taking pictures of everything and getting to find the ones that most accurately show the WJCL seems super fun. I want to help memorialize the WJCL conventions and people.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I want to go back to a photo-heavy format, like Isaac, the historian during the Fargo convention had. That's my favorite scrapbook, because there are pictures of everything. Obviously I'll still have text and captions, but a picture is worth a thousand words, and I love getting to see my JCL family having fun at convention.

Why are you the best for the position?

I go to as many Latin-related events as I can, so I'll be able to document as much of the WJCL as possible. I love getting to see things happen, even if I'm not at the center of events, and this gives me a reason to watch everyone without being creepy about it. I love all of the ridiculous things that happen at convention and I want people to see my scrapbook and remember how great the JCL is. Plus, I love being part of the WJCL and really want to play a bigger role in it.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

National Convention! I get to spend a week being a nerd and seeing my wonderful JCL friends! Other than that, 4th of July, because fireworks are awesome (as I mentioned, I'm in rocket club--controlled explosions are cool)

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Cyberchase, probably. Without cable, I watched a LOT of PBS Kids.

Who is your Roman role model?

Most of the famous ones are manipulative and kind of evil. So probably Tiberius Gracchus, because he tried to help people.

Anything else you'd like to share?

Convention is my favorite part of the year and I hope I get to be an officer and help organize it next year.

CANDIDATES

Emma Lenz, TechCo



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

I am a sophomore at Brookfield Academy and I'm taking Latin 3. In addition to Latin and school I play cello, and I'm in Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. I am also on the swim team and will join the track team this spring. I participate in clubs like math club and SMART team, where we research, model, and present a protein.

What position are you running for and why are you running for it?

I am running for Technology Coordinator. I believe that efficient communication is necessary for any organization, and it is the role of the Tech Coordinator to communicate information to the members of the WJCL through the website. Sometimes I wish that there was more information on the home page of the website, such as a certamen practice schedule, so that people could easily see it without having to read through the minutes. Also, I love being part of the WJCL and want to have a leadership role in it.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I love the look and the organization of the current website, so I would definitely keep that. However, I would like to add information about upcoming events like service projects and certamen practices on the home page so that everyone would know what is going on without having to read through the minutes. Also I would like to create a group video chat using Skype or WebEx, so that people who cannot be physically present at the board meetings can participate. I think this would be a big help since the meetings are all over the state and it can be hard to find rides.

Why are you the best for the position?

I have experience leading communication because I am a secretary of the BA Latin Club. I take notes at the meetings and put them on the BA Latin Club website, which I made. By making it I gained experience using weebly, the host of the WJCL site. I have recently been teaching myself to read html. In addition I am organized and responsible, and I am able to communicate clearly.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is Christmas. I love its spiritual significance, and I enjoy decorating, making cookies, and giving and receiving presents.

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

Jane and the Dragon. This was one of the early signs of my fascination with dragons.

Who is your Roman Role Model?

Cloelia. I admire her bravery and selflessness, and she was a swimmer like me.

Anything else you'd like to share?

Can someone please explain to me why virtue, meaning manhood, is feminine?

CANDIDATES

Fiona Adams, TechCo



Tell us about yourself. What do you do outside of Latin and school?

Outside of Latin, I work with the Universal Education Fund to talk about issues facing girls and women in developing countries. I am also in Programming Club, where I am now learning how to code apps. Besides being in clubs, I dance ballet and will be learning aerial silks soon! Despite my activities both inside and outside of school, being Dictator for Life of Latin club this year has been a very rewarding top priority.

What position are you running for? Why are you running for it?

I am running for Tech Coordinator, the highest position in the gavel order. The reason I am running for tech co--besides the fact that nepotism was always encouraged in ancient Rome--is because this is the position for which I am most qualified. I have taught myself HTML, CSS, and PHP, and have designed 6 published websites through our website server, weebly.com. I believe this would be the best way for me to contribute to the WJCL board and I would be honored to have the opportunity to express my JCLove even more.

What changes are you hoping to implement? What will you keep?

I would like to keep the current tech coordinator's general web design, including its easy-to-use navigation system, ADA compliance, link to the NJCL site, Google Analytics usage (possibly using this even more by adding it to the minutes each month), and favicon. I would also like to keep the website on weebly's server because it is the most cost-effective and easy to use web design sites. In terms of changes I would like to implement, I would like to add a blog to the website and create a system that shows snippets of each blog post on the homepage. In addition, I would like to use the Facebook page more often (by connecting it to the site's blog and homepage) so that WJCL members can get newsfeed updates about current events in addition to having the ability to check the website. Lastly, I would like to add digital binders for newly elected board members via a password protected part of the site so that future officers can have all of the information they need for the position they are entering in one secure and easily accessible place. While I do have smaller-scale ideas (like adding the Flickr images directly onto the website, replacing the link), I hope that you enjoy my larger-scale hopes for the future of the tech co position. Please note that I would not implement any of these ideas without board approval and consideration. Thank you.

Why are you the best for the position?

I am most qualified for this position because I have worked with website design via interactive platforms like weebly for nearly 3 years. Through this experience, I have taught myself HTML, CSS, and PHP, which help me to design websites from scratch or personalize templates like those on weebly. By learning programming and watching vast numbers of "how-to" weebly videos, I have successfully made 6 published websites, including westuncef.weebly.com, westthighdrama.weebly.com, and state-winning NHD site 76971912.nhd.weebly.com. With my passion for web design and love of the WJCL, I would be a great candidate for this position.

What's your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is Christmas for two reasons: I love to be with my family and I am a huge sucker for secret santa. My obsession with secret santa was further elevated with the NJCL's Secret Saturn and West Latin's Secret Saturn and I will never give it up! (note to future Secret Santas: buy me crab rangoon)

What's your favorite childhood cartoon or show?

My favorite childhood show was Arthur all the way. I used to get up at 9:00 sharp to watch it every morning in the summer, and see the lovable aardvarks of Arthur's family get annoyed at DW (who I modeled myself after in order to effectively annoy my older brother).

Who is your Roman role model?

My Roman role model is definitely Lucilla, daughter of Marcus Aurelius. Her super intense attempt to assassinate Commodus, who did some sketchy things while emperor, makes her my hero--and her quote: "Here is the dagger the senate sends you!" will always be my favorite because I hope to have an exit line that fantastic someday.

Anything else you'd like to share?

Vote for Fiona Adams and semper ubi sub ubi!!