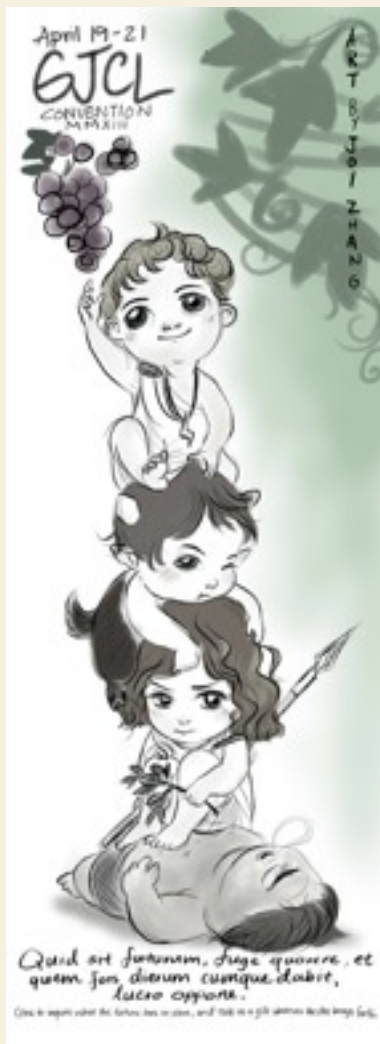


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STATE CONVENTION



It's that time of the year again, when pollen clogs the air and layers every single thing in sight like some hideous yellow blanket, when sinuses clog and throats itch and anyone with allergies staggers around clawing at their eyes and sneezing in abject misery. But disregard your allergies and pop that Zyrtec, because it's time for State Convention! Here, we finally reunite with our Latin friends, participate in a variety of art, oratory, Ludi, and academic contests, and celebrate our mutual love of this ancient language. Spring may be the most disgusting season in existence, but I'd brave through it a hundred times for State Convention.

ELECTIONS

A new state convention comes new officers, which is super depressing because everyone will dearly miss the wonderful board we had this year, but time must move on and we must one day substitute our unprecedentedly great officers for a lesser yet inevitable new generation. With that being said, let's peruse the profiles of some of the new candidates this year!

SECRETARY

Sarah Cover:

Grade: 11

School: Walton High School

Level of Latin: Latin IV

Position applying for: Secretary

Why are you applying for that position: I have loved GJCL ever since I was in middle school and I really want to be a bigger part of what goes on in JCL.

What's your favorite part of Latin: I have the best Latin family ever.

Favorite Latin quote: aut viam inveniam aut faciam

If you could get rid of a state, which one? And why? Rhode Island. The state is so tiny it could probably be annexed as a county by Massachusetts.

Emily Maloney

Grade: 11

School: Wheeler High School

Level of Latin: 6

Position applying for: Secretary

Why are you applying for that position: I'm applying for secretary because since 8th grade, GJCL has grown my love for everything about Latin immensely, and I want to give something back to this amazing organization. GJCL offers so many opportunities that enhance one in a multitude of ways, and I want to take this opportunity to be part of the decision making for an organization which has become one the most important parts of my life. I believe I would make a great secretary because I am a very detail oriented person who can be relied upon for any task required of me.

What's your favorite part of Latin: My favorite part of Latin is how every facet of the language, and culture, and government made such an impact on the world that I can see its effects in everyday life. It's just amazing how I can read a Facebook status (at least one of the more articulate ones) full of Latin derivatives or pay for a milkshake with a dollar bill that emblazons an eagle, the symbol of the Roman god Jupiter, or drive past houses designed using classical architecture techniques or go to the doctor and glimpse my chart full of Latin abbreviations - the list is endless. Essentially, I love how universal and timeless Latin truly is.

Favorite Latin quote: "Non nobis solum nati sumus." Not for ourselves alone are we born - Marcus Tullius Cicero

If you could get rid of a state, which one? And why? I would get rid of Nevada, so we could have National Convention in Georgia a year sooner.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Akash Doshi*Grade:* 11*School:* George Walton High School*Level of Latin:* IV*Position applying for:* Parliamentarian

Why are you applying for that position: I am applying for this position because I am committed to Latin, have strong credentials, and am well suited to fulfill the specific responsibilities of Parliamentarian. Since middle school, I have participated in nearly all Certamen tournaments, attended Georgia and National JCL Conventions, and placed in the top 5 at the 2012 National JCL Convention. Now, I am eager and honored to take on leadership roles in JCL. Already, I have been elected to host this year's convention, and therefore demonstrate leadership and support of the student and faculty membership. As Parliamentarian, my primary role will be to interpret GJCL's constitution. I have seen, firsthand, its importance in defining the process of day-to-day as well as all important activities of GJCL. For example, the parliamentarian presides over elections and the Fall Forum. Additionally, in matters of conflict, the parliamentarian provides guidance by applying the constitution. As a detail oriented person with a strong command of the English language, an active member of GJCL for years, and having proven successful relationship with current officers, I believe I am uniquely positioned to undertake this role.

Favorite Latin quote: "vera amicitia est inter bonos"- "There is true friendship (only) among good men" (Cicero) – I like this quote because it expresses that only by being good and establishing strong relationships can you lead.

If you could get rid of a state, which one? And why? As much I believe all states contribute to the Union, if I had to choose, it might be Alaska for a few reasons. One, it is geographically separated from the mainland U.S. and has the country of Canada in between us. Second, it perhaps has more in common with our ally Canada, so we could still maintain strong ties with it through Canada. Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, I am least likely to offend one of my constituents because it is unlikely that any of them are from Alaska given its vast distance from Georgia.

Austin Duckworth*Grade:* 11*School:* Marist*Level of Latin:* IV*Position applying for:* Parliamentarian

Why are you applying for that position: I am applying for Parliamentarian because I love JCL and I want to have an impact anyway I can.

What's your favorite part of Latin: The service, friendship, and learning involved in JCL.

Favorite Latin quote: "aut viam inveniam aut faciam"

If you could get rid of a state, which one? And why? North Dakota....who travels to North Dakota

Elton Lossner*Grade:* 10*School:* North Gwinnett High*Level of Latin:* III*Position applying for:* Parliamentarian

Why are you applying for that position: Latin Club is my favorite club, and state convention was the highlight of my year last year. I want to be a bigger part of it and work with others to make sure convention next year is as great as it was for me last time. Parliamentarian allows me to do that by working closely with all of our officers and making sure that we keep within the bounds of the constitution.

What's your favorite part of Latin: Is everything a legitimate answer? If not, then definitely the vibrant stories or grand history.

Favorite Latin quote: "aut vincere aut mori"

State to eliminate: California, because I would buy out all of Nevada and Arizona's coastlines and turn them into beachfront property :D

VICE PRESIDENT

Sam Quinn

Grade: 11

School: Northview

Level of Latin: 3

Position applying for: VP

Why are you applying for that position: I feel that the duties of the Vice President most closely align with my own strengths, and running for a State office is also the best way for me to give back to an organization that has been such an integral part of my life for the past three years.

What's your favorite part of Latin:

Grammar. Yeah, I'm being serious. History's a close second, but Latin grammar is my domain.

Favorite Latin quote:

Nescire autem quid ante quam natus sis acciderit, id est semper esse puerum. (Cicero)

"To not know what happened before you were born is to be forever a child."

If you could get rid of a state, which one? And why?

Wyoming. It's just... there. It doesn't do anything.

Jeremy Cooley:

Grade: 11

School: North Gwinnett

Position applying for: VP

Why? N/A

What's your favorite part of Latin: N/A

Favorite Latin Quote: N/A

PRESIDENT

Yash Chandramouli

Grade: 11th

School: Northview High School

Position applying for: President

Why are you applying for that position: I am applying for President because I am both qualified and willing to take on the responsibilities of the job. The president's role is to represent the GJCL and carry out its various projects and I believe that my abilities to organize and lead effectively would aid me in doing so. The GJCL has done so much for me the past three years and I want to ensure that future members and current members to continue to have access to the various opportunities and the community that the GJCL provides.

What's your favorite part of Latin: My favorite part of Latin is Greek and Roman mythology. I love the intricate stories and fables and how they all connect to each other. It is interesting how mythology can reveal the morals and lifestyles of ancient cultures, and how these morals and ideas can be applied to modern life as well. Also, Zeus is a player.

Favorite Latin quote: "Bis vincit qui se vincit." - "He conquers twice who conquers himself."

If you could get rid of a state, which one? And why?: I would get rid of North Dakota. South Dakota's claim to fame is Mount Rushmore. North Dakota's is its buffalo preserve. Buffalo...

Brendan Philips

Grade: 11

School: Marist School

Level of Latin: IV

Position applying for: President

Why are you applying for that position:

I want to sustain and grow this great organization. I want to use my qualifications and talents to give back to GJCL by running it smoothly; most of all I want to hand down the GJCL experience that so changed me to the next generation of Latin nerds.

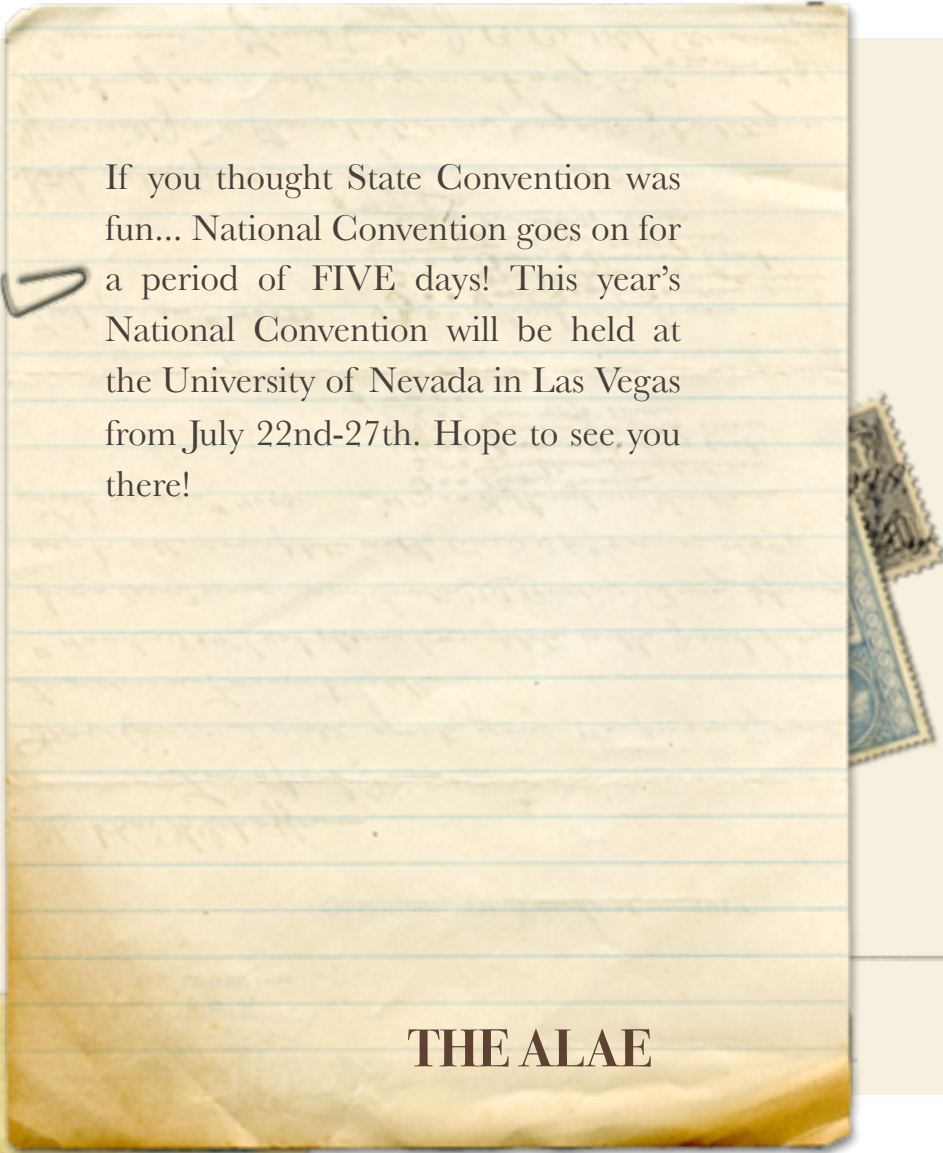
What's your favorite part of Latin:

My favorite part of Latin has to be the community. Nowhere else can you see so enthusiastic people whether it be Ludi players for Frisbee, Certamen players for studying the language, Creative Arts people for the expression of the Latin culture, or any convention-goer for GJCL.

Favorite Latin quote: "Semper ubi sub ubi (aliquando)" Always where under where (sometimes).

If you could get rid of a state, which one? And why?

I would definitely get rid of the state of denial. I mean, no one really likes people who are in a state of denial, and no one who recognizes it. I think that state would be the most useful to get rid of.



If you thought State Convention was fun... National Convention goes on for a period of FIVE days! This year's National Convention will be held at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas from July 22nd-27th. Hope to see you there!

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