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Salvete!

A quick note from your parliamentarian! As the school year is getting off to a fresh start, it is once again time to start considering running for State or National JCL office. The sooner students are acquainted with the different State and National offices available, the better. For detailed information regarding qualifications and duties of State Offices, please refer to Article V Section II and Section VII of the CJCL Constitution (available on the website).

The term of office for the State officers begins at the end of the State Convention at which they are elected or appointed and ends at the end of the State Convention the following year. During their term of office, State officers meet four times (including State Convention) with their sponsors and the State Chairs to deliver reports, discuss upcoming CJCL events, and generally deal with all matters pertaining to the CJCL. It is at these Board Meetings that all major decisions are made, and it is certainly an exciting experience for anyone interested in becoming more involved with the JCL. Thus, anyone considering running for State office has to be able and willing to attend these meetings.

It is vital to the CJCL that we have a large group of dedicated and qualified candidates for consideration. If you are at all interested in running for office, please complete the applications (available on the website) and mail it to me by February 6, 2009. Two candidates will be selected for each office from the pool of applicants. It is important to note that each chapter must not have more than two candidates for State or National office. In addition, a student may not run for an office currently held by a member of his or her chapter (for example, since I am from Loyola High School in Los Angeles, any student from LHS seeking a CJCL office next year may not apply to run for Parliamentarian). Once you mail in your application, I will notify you of the decisions of the nomination committee via e-mail as soon as possible.

If you are selected to run, you will be asked to write and e-mail your speech to me one week before Convention, and the speeches will be given before all convention delegates on Friday evening at 6:00-6:30 PM during General Assembly I. The speech should include your experiences and involvement in JCL as well as any leadership experiences you have. It is crucial to submit this written speech and be present at the video recording because this will be the best way for all the voting delegates to evaluate your devotion and talents. Candidates will be permitted to begin campaigning at 8:30 am Saturday. It is essential that two voting delegates from each chapter attend the Candidates' Open Forum on Saturday at 2:30-3:30 PM where candidates will answer questions before the voting delegates. If a chapter does not send two voting delegates that chapter will be unable to vote. There will also be a "Meet the Candidates" lunch on Saturday at noon, which we encourage all candidates and voting delegates to attend. At this lunch you will be able to introduce yourself to the voting delegates. If you are seeking the appointed offices of Nuntius Editor or Webmaster, you must still fill out the application, but you will not campaign at Convention. Instead, you will meet for a brief interview with the current officer of your position and a State Chair or her designee.

Being a CJCL officer is a truly rewarding experience. If you have the desire to become more involved with the JCL, I encourage you to run. We also hope to see our new Board members at the NJCL Convention at the University of California Davis, in Davis next July.

If you have any questions about State or National office, nominations or election procedures, please feel free to e-mail me at parliamentarian@cajcl.org or call me at (818) 913-2037.

Sincerely,

Will Chung
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