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State Convention!

Sofia Perez-Lanza & Louise Morr

Planning Convention this year has been difficult since the status of in person versus Zoom was up in the air for a long time. We had a slightly later start organizing the virtual elements of convention since we were planning on an in-person convention until Omicron hit in January.

While Convention is virtual this year, we're looking forward individual chapters gathering and participating together! For the chapters who participate at their schools, it will be similar to a hybrid convention. For example, Saint Francis and Jesuit high school students are attending Convention together from our Saint Francis campus!



An exciting highlight of Convention will be our keynote speaker, Natalie Haynes, author of the novel *A Thousand Ships*. She will be Zooming from London! Something else to look out for this year will be our magician, who will perform on our stage at Saint Francis and be live streamed over Zoom.

We're excited to carry on the CAJCL tradition even through a pandemic and everything that's happening in the world. We're so lucky that JCL can still come together to celebrate the Classics!

Thank you!
Sofia and Louise





Do you have pictures from Convention?

Send them to historian@cajcl.org !



Elections

Claire Lenden

As the State Convention will be completely virtual this year, the election must be handled accordingly. The current plan is to have voting delegates from each chapter be submitted before the first General Assembly. That way, their attendance can be checked at each event relating to the election. These events shall include the first General Assembly, where candidates will share their recorded speeches, the Candidates Open Forum, and the Constitutional Amendments Meeting. Each chapter will have two votes to participate in the State Election, but only if they are proven to be in attendance at all of these campaign events.

Furthermore, there are two constitutional amendment proposals that are being presented. One creates a new subsection of Article IV, Section 3 which outlines the election procedure if there is not a state convention and the other, also in Article IV, Section 3, ensures that the Parliamentarian will create rules regarding social media campaigning prior to each election cycle. These proposals are currently posted on the website under the "State Convention" header and will be published in the 2022 Voter Information Guide.



Why is voting so important?

Kayla Davis

Salvete, amici! I'm Kayla, your 2021-2022 *Nuntius* Editor. As we are in the midst of State Board Elections, I thought I'd do a little page about the importance of voting.

Voting is not only our Democratic right, but our duty as citizens. To be involved in government is a privilege -- and as Americans, we need to make sure that our voice is heard in every election. That means county, state, country, and even school board. Primaries and midterms, too. In addition, it's not enough to only voice your opinions for candidates -- vote on propositions, too! We are lucky enough to be

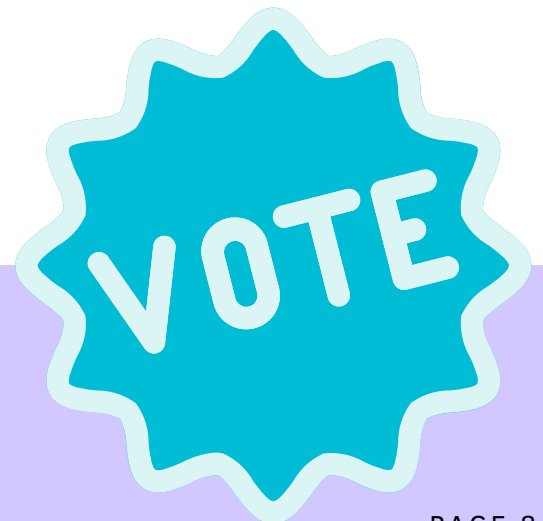
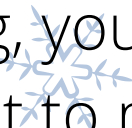


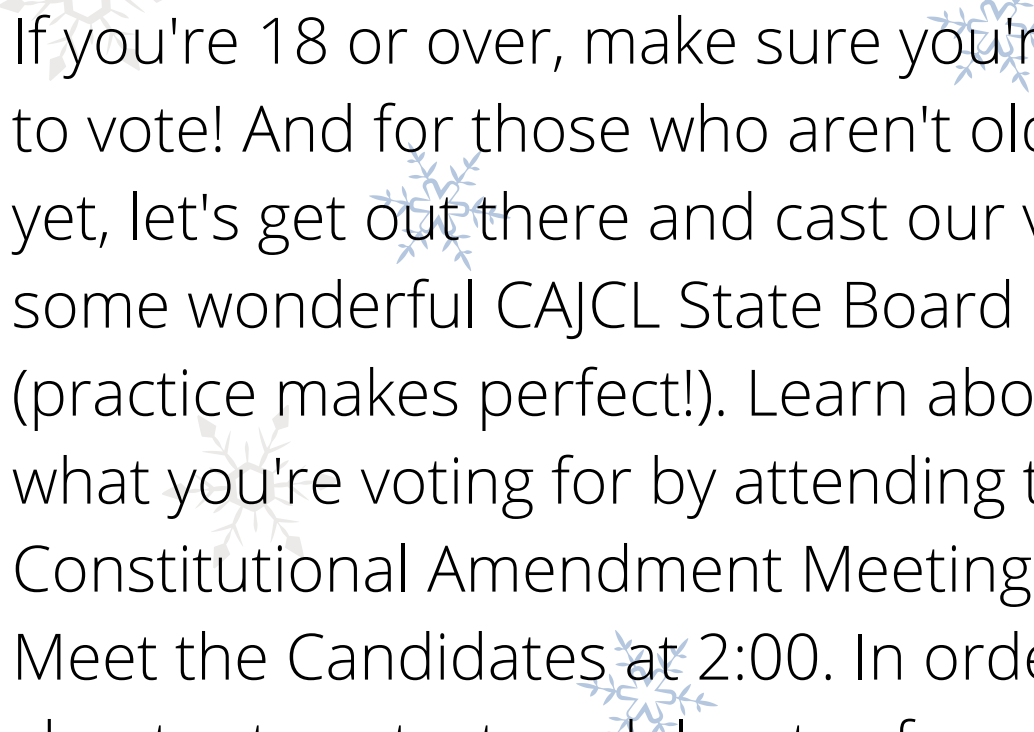
able to vote on real changes.




Here are some more reasons to vote besides "democratic duty":

1. Elections have real consequences. You have the power to decide who to put in office.
2. Not voting is giving up your voice, and not making your opinion heard.
3. The community, including those who cannot vote yet, are depending on you.
4. The changes that you make by voting will directly affect you.
5. Voting rights were not obtained easily. By voting, you're honoring ancestors who fought to make sure you could participate in government.



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If you're 18 or over, make sure you're registered to vote! And for those who aren't old enough yet, let's get out there and cast our votes for some wonderful CAJCL State Board candidates (practice makes perfect!). Learn about who and what you're voting for by attending the Constitutional Amendment Meeting at 1:15, and Meet the Candidates at 2:00. In order for your chapter to vote, two delegates from your school must attend.

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Good luck to all of the candidates, and have a great State Convention!



September Meeting Minutes

Alexis Kim

The CAJCL state board had its meeting on January 8, 2022! This meeting was focused on reviewing SCRAM and Ludi and planning State Convention. It was virtually held via Zoom and organized by our second vice president, Avery Konwiser.

After the meeting was called to order, the agenda was approved and the minutes from our last meeting were reviewed and approved. After a reimbursement request was approved, each officer gave their reports on their activities since the previous board meeting.



Avery Konwiser discussed his research and ideas regarding service projects and gave a few announcements regarding the NJCL to the board.

Sadie Almgren, the Northern representative, gave a report on Ludi, which was very successful, and thanked everyone involved in planning and running the event.


Brian Lazarus' sponsor, Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird, provided a report on SCRAM, which was also very successful and had attendees from numerous different states.

The convention presidents, Sofia Perez-Lanza and Louise Morr, announced that State Convention will be online this year and that they would adapt their schedules and activities to









reflect the virtual setting.



Elizabeth Casey, the first vice president, reported that she had emailed a few schools about potentially starting a JCL chapter.

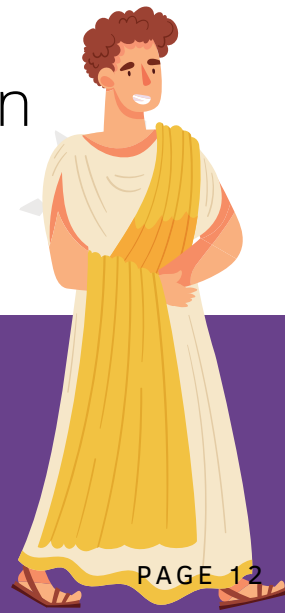



Claire Lenden, the parliamentarian, proposed numerous amendments to the CAJCL constitution, and a few minor amendments were made to the constitution. She also reported on her plans for the state board elections for the 2022 to 2023 CAJCL board.




Alexis Kim, the secretary, reported on the changes she made to the CAJCL Letterhead and Board Contact Sheet.

Mallika Dandamudi, the historian, has begun creating the scrapbook for this year.







Kayla Davis, the Nuntius editor, announced that the first issue of the Nuntius is online, spoke about article assignments and a potential article exchange with an editor from Indiana.



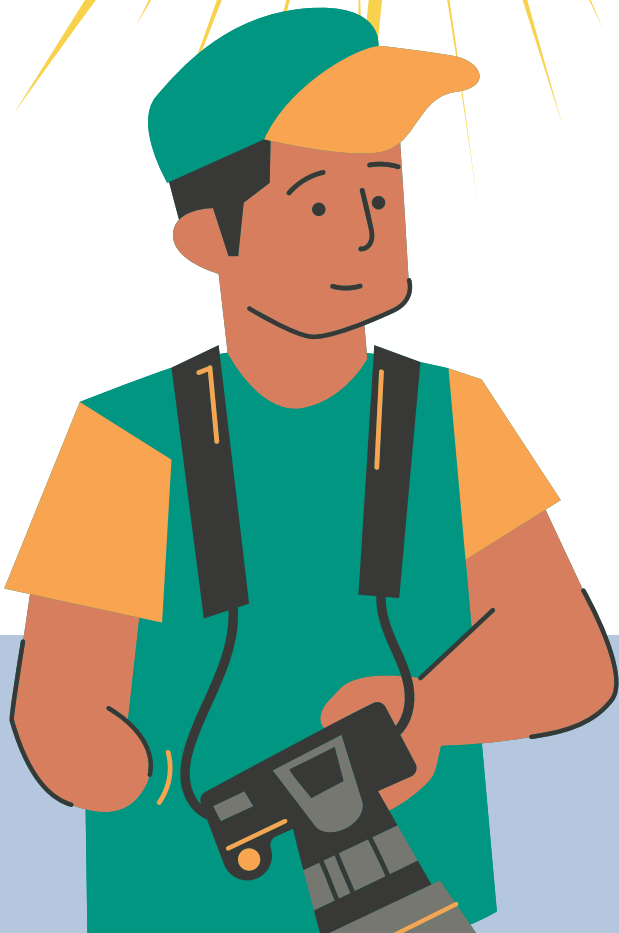
Ashley Yoshii, the webmaster, stated that she had been updating the CAJCL website.



Once the officers completed their reports, members of the board gave the SCL, social media, academic testing, CAJCL scholarship, state chair, treasurer, and certamen reports. After a discussion regarding state convention, the next meeting date was set for May 14, 2022, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am. To learn more about this board meeting and past board meetings, take a look at past minutes on the CAJCL website!




Submit to Photo of the Month!






Rota


Tim Abbott, St. Ignatius

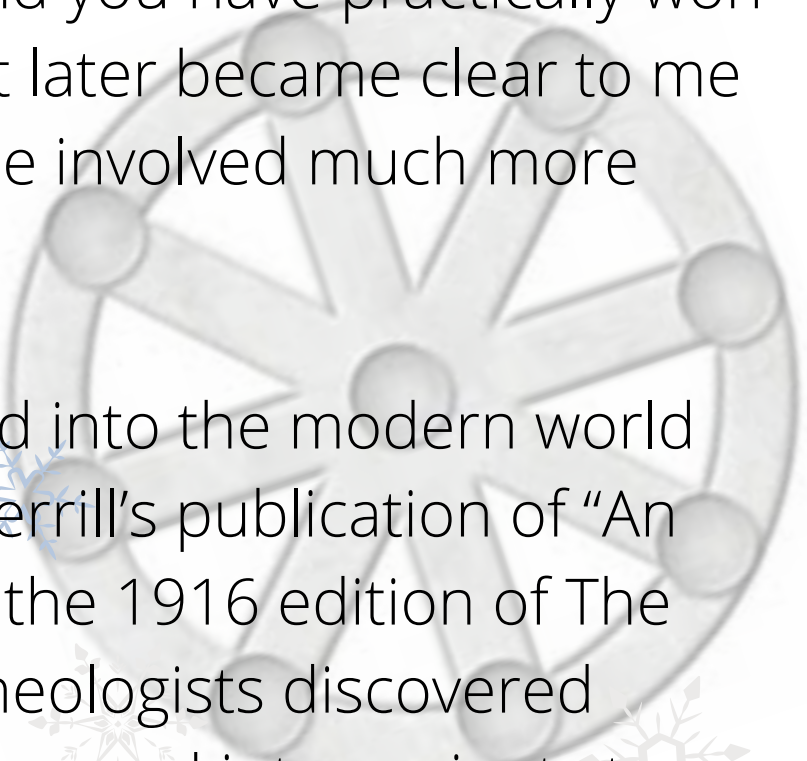


Hi, my name is Tim, and I'm a Latin student in San Francisco. And I love *Rota*, the Ancient Roman equivalent of Tic-Tac-Toe.



Like Tic-Tac-Toe, the goal of *Rota* is to get three pieces in a row. However, unlike Tic-Tac-Toe, *Rota's* board is circular with nine open spaces. It is like a wheel with 8 spokes; the nine spaces are where the spokes connect to the rim along with a center space on the hub. Each player has three pieces. After the two players position their three pieces, they take turns moving one of their pieces to an unoccupied adjacent space (no jumping/hopping) until a player gets three pieces in a row and wins.





When I first played *Rota*, the strategy seemed simple. Win the die roll, go first, and place your piece in the center and you have practically won the game. However, it later became clear to me that winning this game involved much more than luck.




Rota was reintroduced into the modern world by Elmer Truesdell Merrill's publication of "An Old Roman Game" in the 1916 edition of *The Classical Journal*. Archeologists discovered circular game boards carved into ancient stone and extrapolated rules from bits of additional archeological evidence. The actual Roman name of the game is unknown, but scholars refer to it as *Rota*, which is Latin for wheel. The precise rules are unknown too, but classical scholars have a pretty good consensus for what they may have been. Circular games like *Rota* have





found throughout Europe dating back to the Medieval period, most likely originating from Roman influence during the peak of the Roman Empire.




To be fair, however, many skeptics believe that *Rota* was pieced together through scant archeological evidence and was not an actual game that Romans played. This may be true. Nevertheless, this game has found its way into the hearts of many young Latin students and older scholars who have found it to be a welcome and easy way to connect with the past.




This has certainly been the case at my high school. Before my school club's annual fall Ludi games, I was searching for new games to play, and I stumbled on *Rota*. I printed out a few boards from the internet, and borrowed game






pieces from another board game. And boy was I surprised when it took off. The game was so simple yet so complex. My friend came up with the idea of a *Rota* Tournament. And for anyone who has never seen a *Rota* tournament, they can get pretty heated.



A semester later, *Rota* is still going strong in the Latin community in my high school. In our Saturnalia event, we hosted another *Rota* tournament, which rewarded the winners with food and prizes. One day, our club moderator Ms. Curcio even surprised our high school's JCL leadership team with a new wooden *Rota* game board set with awesome game pieces (Theseus and the Minotaur). Overall, *Rota* is a great game that could have a place in any Latin classroom or club!







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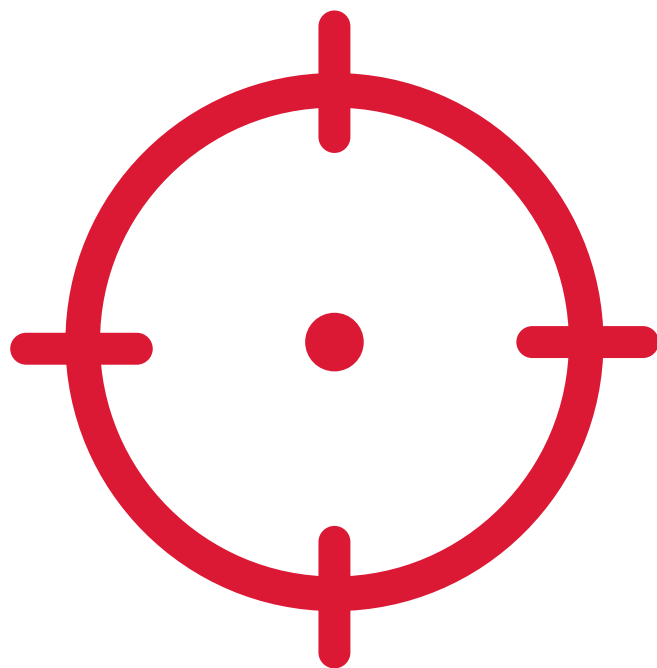


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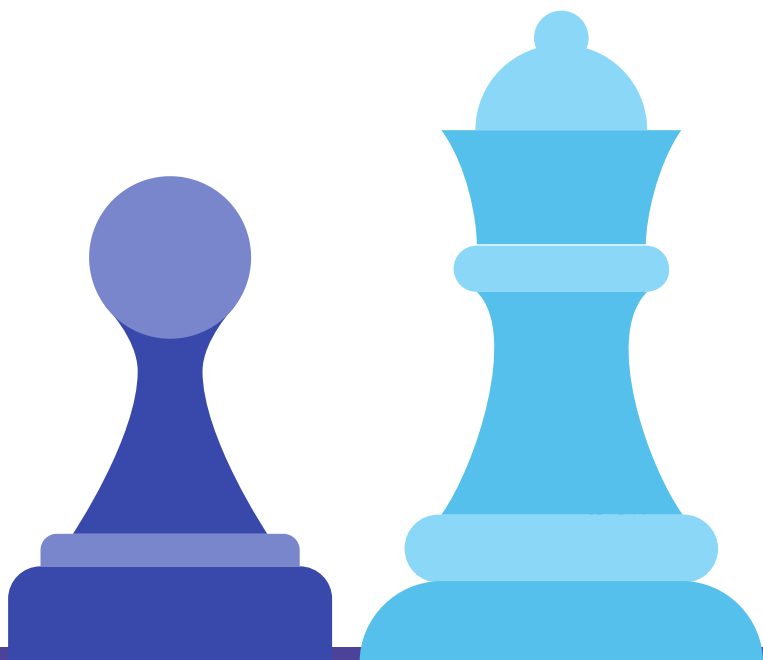
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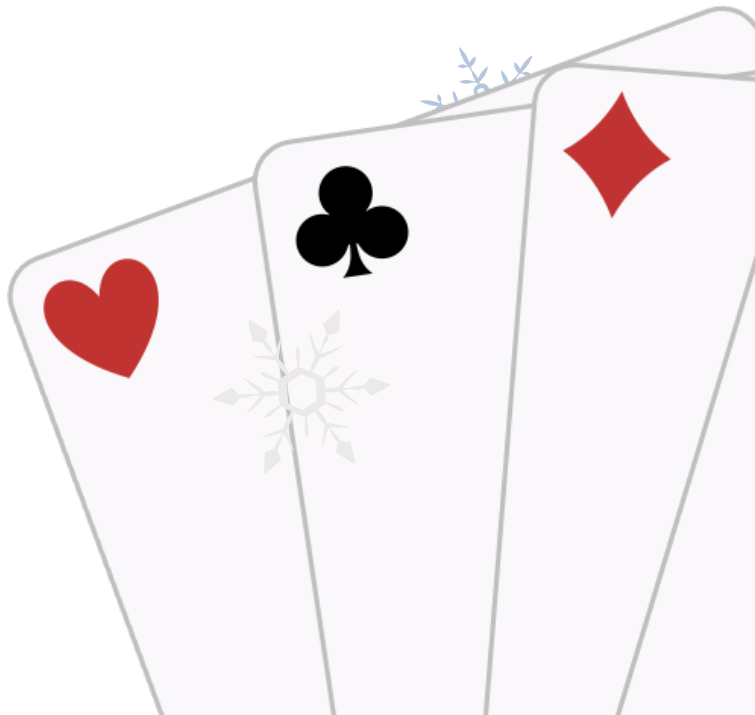


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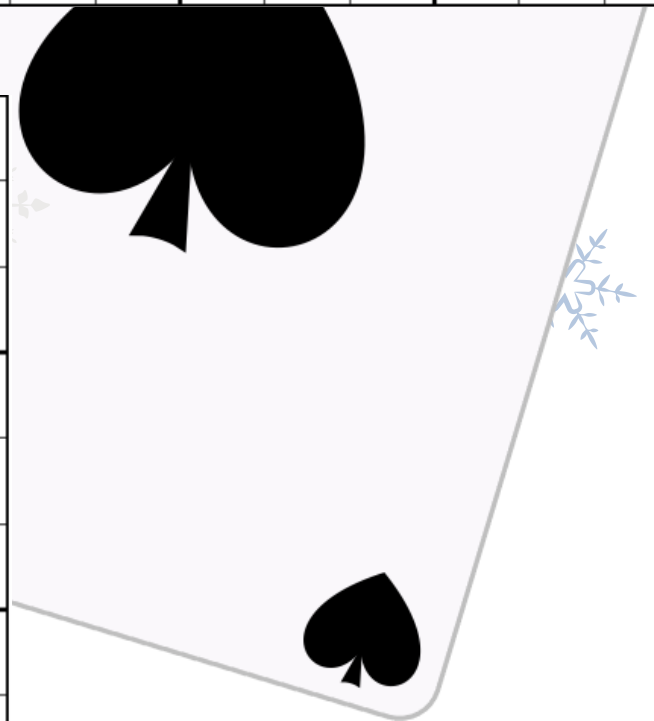
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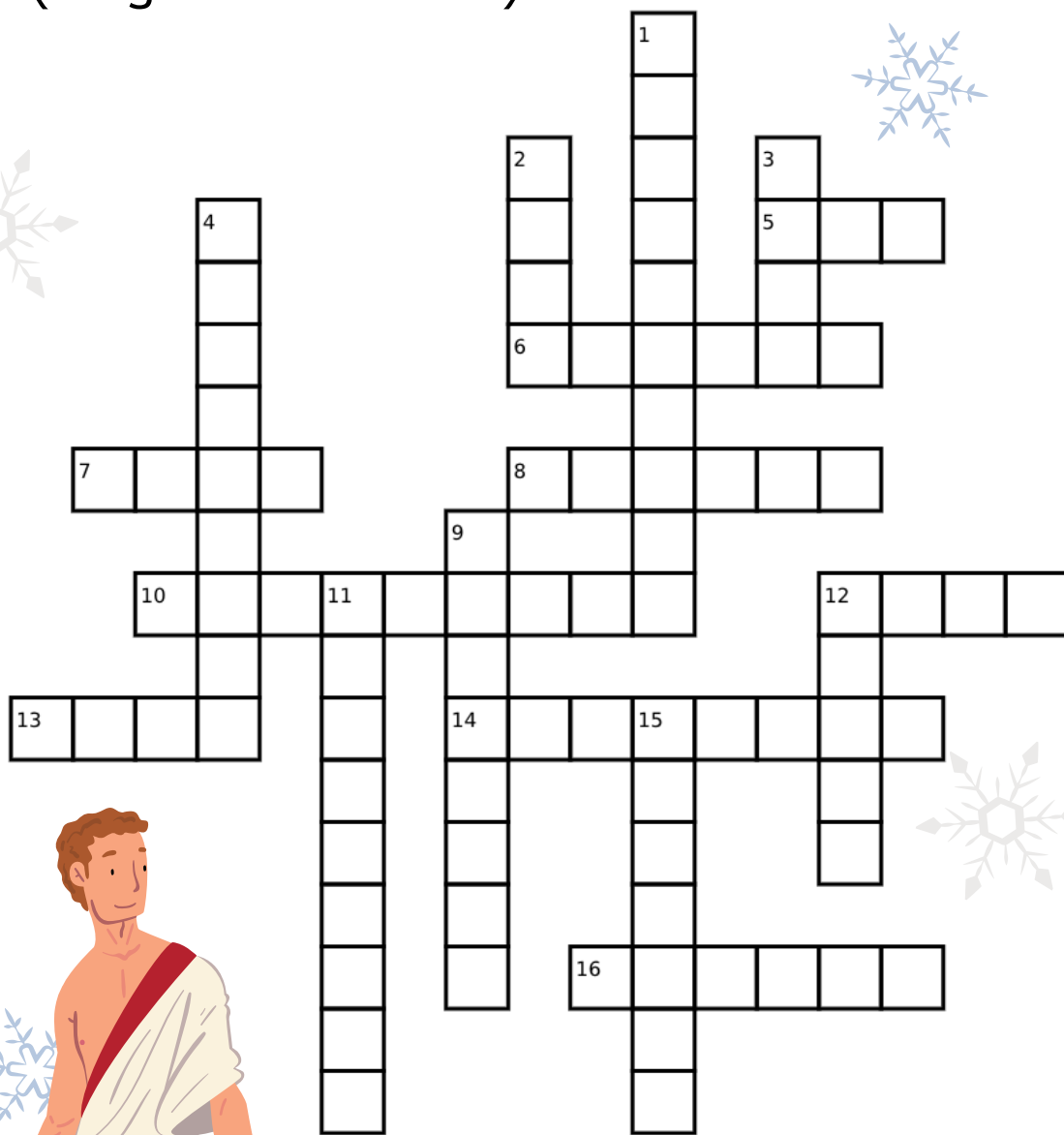
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Winter/Convention Themed Crossword

(English to Latin)



Down:

- 1. convention
- 2. snow
- 3. game
- 4. knowledge
- 9. strength
- 11. candidate
- 12. storm
- 15. contest

Across:

- 5. art
- 6. winter
- 7. cold
- 8. friend
- 10. education
- 12. soul
- 13. vote
- 14. election
- 16. hearth





Submit to Focus of the Month!

2021-2022 CAJCL Board

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Avery Konwiser - Second Vice President
Claire Lenden - Parliamentarian
Alexis Kim - Secretary
Brian Lazarus - Southern Representative
Sadie Almgren - Northern Representative
Mallika Dandamundi - Historian
Ashley Yoshii - Webmaster
Kayla Davis - Nuntius Editor**

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