

Running for Office

ILJCL-North Campaign Corner for 2024



This document serves as a resource for the student interested in running for an ILJCL-North board position. It explains the requirements for running, the process of running, and the duties of officers.

N.B. All of the information in this document is subject to change.

Eligibility requirements:

A candidate MUST:

- 1) have the permission of their parent(s)/guardian(s) and local sponsor
- 2) have attended at least one Illinois Junior Classical League North convention prior to the one at which they are running
- 3) not graduate from high school during the term for which they are running
- 4) be one of only two candidates from their school
- 5) not hold another state or national office position during the term for which they are running
- 6) be a member of a chapter in good standing
- 7) be enrolled in a Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities for at least half of the year during which their office is held, or have completed all Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities classes offered at their school.

Special considerations of candidates that do not meet these requirements may be made at the discretion of the Parliamentarian in the case of a state of emergency.

Application Process:

- 1) File the designated forms with the ILJCL-North Parliamentarian by January 29th, 2023. Find the necessary form at <http://tinyurl.com/2024ILJCLElections> and follow instructions to email the application to iljcl.applications@gmail.com.
- 2) You CANNOT change office at convention. If you decide to change your office, you must send a notice of change by January 29, 2024 this year.

Election Process:

- 1) During the Nominations Committee (2 voting delegates required per school to maintain two votes), all of the candidates are nominated. Nominees require two nominations from separate voting delegates (often from their school) to become a candidate, even if they have prefiled. During NomCom, a maximum of two candidates per position are selected through voting by all schools' voting delegates.
- 2) Candidates' Open Forum (10% of delegation must attend). Candidates give their main points and any members of a school delegation can ask questions.
- 3) During voting fellowship, schools will confer and decide for whom to cast their votes.
- 4) Each school gets two votes (or, if only one person is present, a single vote) per position to cast in any manner they choose. For example, a school may cast both votes to one candidate, split the votes between two candidates, or award their votes to a "no confidence" candidate to indicate that they are dissatisfied with the candidates.
- 5) The votes will be tallied and announced at the final General Assembly.

PRESIDENT:

- Prepares agenda for all meetings
- Presides at all meetings and General Assemblies
- Stays aware of all board member activities, and provide assistance
- Maintains correspondence with all board members
- Speaks on behalf of ILJCL-North
- Informs school JCL officers of JCL activities
- Writes letters to school JCL newsletters
- Attends meetings/conventions of other organizations and writing to Congress if the need arises
- Leads planning of Convention and creates the agenda, contributing ideas and being available throughout Convention to assist as needed
- Prepares and tallies Convention evaluation forms
- Coordinates spirit with the 2nd VP

FIRST VP:

- Executes the duties of the President in the event of the President's death, illness, or inability to serve
- Publicizes JCL through national, state, and local news media
- Promotes JCL membership

SECOND VP:

- Serves as a resource for local JCL officers to contact concerning suitable programs for their clubs
- Contributes to the Nuntius on successful spirit/service activities
- In charge of spirit at Convention
- Executes the duties of the President in the event of the death, illness, or inability to serve of both the President and the 1st VP

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR:

- Keeps minutes at all meetings
- Keeps minutes at Convention
- Runs the ILJCL-North website

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

- Responsible for enforcing *Robert's Rules of Order* parliamentary procedure
- Executes the duties of President in the event of the death, illness, or inability to serve of the President and both VPs
- Presides at the Nominations and Constitutional Amendment Committees
- Receives filing papers of board candidates and updates them on the election
- Mails out proposed constitutional amendments

HISTORIAN:

- Edits the Nuntius
- Takes photos and keeps a scrapbook of "materials of historical interest"

Thank you so much for expressing interest in leading ILJCL-North. By applying for office, you are taking a step to shape the future of this organization. One major piece of advice for your election process: READ THE [CONSTITUTION](#). The constitution is the essence of this organization. Understanding the base layer of ILJCL-North is essential to having a successful election. It aids in answering questions. It allows the candidate to know more precisely what they are running for. It will make you stand out from your opponent who maybe has not read the constitution. Again, if you have any questions about the process of obtaining an ILJCL-North office position, feel free to email Parliamentarian Eshan Mehra at iljcl.applications@gmail.com.