

The Convention Ear



59 (Y)Ears of Telling It Like It Isn't!

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25 Hour Coverage

From the Desk of the NJCL President

To my beloved JCLers,

Welcome to the 2019 national convention, held at the lovely North Dakota State University! While visiting NDSU for Fall Planning, the officers and I learned that North Dakota is the largest producer of honey in America! You can imagine our shock at how the national theme for this year, *apes non sunt solitaria natura* (bees are not of a solitary nature), aligned so perfectly with the convention location. This coincidence makes North Dakota the best state to host the 66th annual national convention.

As you explore the campus this week and embrace all that convention has to offer, look for some of North Dakota's famous bees roaming and searching for flowers. When you see them, think about how each bee uses its strengths to help better their hive. The hive cannot thrive if each bee performs the same task using the same skills. In fact, every bee has a specific job, not just collecting pollen, that they can excel in and use it to accelerate the greatness of their community. My JCLers, we are those bees. We each bring our own talents to convention each year and truly make this community what it is. Let the bees around us remind you of what JCL is and the power in our community.

Ex animo,

Natasha Panduwawala
NJCL President 2018-2019

A Brief Note from Me, the NSCL Editor

I will be brief and entirely **serious**, as I did not get into my college's comedy improv troupe (that means these *Ears* will only be publishing serious and 99.9% true stuff). Please take it all as *literally* as possible, because again, **not allowed to be funny**. Legally, I will be **sued** if I make a **joke** because the **arbiters of comedy** said "*not funny*." That's how it *works*.

So, enjoy an entirely **SERIOUS** convention, soak up the sun (???) here in Fargo, watch out for tornados, and please read these *Ears*, which I assure you are **real news**. Oh, and for you SCLers out there, the last letter of the league is **X**.

Jacob Hane
NSCL Editor

JOIN THE LEAGUE

Did you just graduate from High School? Sad that your time in the JCL is coming to an end? **Worry not**, for the Senior Classical League provides an opportunity to **never leave**. If you join the SCL, you'll get firstfist experience in the arts of being:

**OMNISCIENT
OMNIPOTENT
OMNIPRESENT
INDESPENSABLE**

So come to the NSCL registration table to join the league! We've got to hand it to you, this will be a pretty darn good experience.

PERSONALS! ONLY \$1

Want to have a personal *Convention Ear* shout-out? Want to embarrass your friends, teachers, and JCLoves? Submit your personals to the **NJCL Office**. Write your message on a slip of paper (make sure it's **legible**), put it in the provided envelope, and hand it to someone at the JCL desk. Space is limited, so please be brief. *Note*: the Editor reserves the right to refuse any inappropriate or illegible submissions.

From the Friendly Fist of the Big P

Dear esteemed members of the Junior Classical League,

Your NSCL Board has been hard at work this year on many projects: creating a promotional video, new chapters, and the Friendly Handbook of NSCL. This handbook is alternatively titled the Iron Fistbook of NSCL. With the close connection between the Friendly Hand of JCL and the Iron Fist of SCL, I want to encourage all uses of hands and fists to be used interchangeably for the duration of convention.

For example, instead of saying “Can you hand me that piece of paper?” you would say “Can you fist me that piece of paper?”

Every use of fist for hand and hand for fist will earn you one cool fistshake from an SCLer of your choice.

The matter at fist is this friendly handbook of NSCL which offers a guide for the creation of SCL chapters and running JCL events. In addition to this Handbook, the compilation of the NSCL History has been in the good fists of our Historian. On the one fist, our Vice President has updated the Olympika & Ludi Rules with the Olympika & Ludi Committee. and on the other fist our Secretary has created an NSCL Instagram. Follow us @nationalscl.

I will be fisting over this letter back to the NSCL Editor, but first I want you to hold out your arm. Now look at your hand. This is the friendly hand of JCL. Now close your hand. Look how easy it was to transition from being a JCLer to becoming the iron fist of SCL. Remember that, seniors, when you think your Latin days are done, that you can join SCL to get a firstfist experience of behind the scenes of convention.

Enjoy convention! Make sure to give a friendly fist to anyone in need,

Grace McIntire
NSCL President

NJCL Officer End-of-Year Reports

Natasha Panduwawala, MD **NJCL President 2018 - 2019**

Salvete, apes!

My focus this year was establishing a stronger connection between state presidents and the national board. In order to do this, I wanted to provide access to as many tools as I could and be as transparent as possible. At the beginning of my term, I piloted “Presidents’ Insight.” Presidents Insight (PI) is a monthly email that streamlined information to state presidents on all NJCL contests and happenings. I believe that there has been an increase in state participation because of it!

Another focal point this year was hosting Skype calls with local/state officers. The purpose of these calls was to encourage collaboration on common issues found in each JCL position. During my calls, president-oriented, I addressed some common issues that arise in local and state chapters and how to troubleshoot them with effective leadership. Then, I opened the floor to discussion and encouraged presidents to talk about issues they have faced. All ideas and topics were written in minutes and posted to the newly revived “JCL Presidents” Facebook page.

I traveled to Capitol Hill in February to

help the ACL with Advocacy Day. I lobbied for legislation that benefits the learning of world languages in schools and discussed ACL’s centennial celebration with legislators. I was proud to represent JCL and students across America in hopes that language-learning in schools can be expanded — especially Latin!

Thank you for such a wonderful year. It has truly been a pleasure!

Ex animo,

Natasha Panduwawala

GLADIATOR GAMES

You! Yes, *you!* Do you like gladiators? Of course you do; you take Latin. During the Roman Banquet, there will be a Gladiator Fight Tournament! Come support your friends, join the games to win fame, glory, and all that other stuff. Location TBA.

Aleah Malik, IL

NJCL 1st VP 2018 - 2019

Salvete amici!

I've had such an amazing year serving on the NJCL board. I'm so excited to share what I've been working on.

After I was elected, I quickly utilized the 1st VP Facebook group, published a JCL Publicity and Membership Contest Guide, and wrote the questions for our ~snazzy~ NJCL Officer Buzzfeed quiz.

We only met twice during the year: Fall Planning in North Dakota, and Spring Planning in Washington, D.C. During these two meetings, we planned most of national

convention. During convention I am very excited to be giving a colloquium lecture on the fluidity of gender & sexuality in the ancient world, and how it connects to the modern LGBT+ community. If interested, look out for it in your program!

The 2019 National Classics Week packet was my main project. NJCL 2nd VP Michaela Phan and I brainstormed the theme, Classical Cities, in October. From then until NCW in April, this was something that was constantly on my agenda. The last main project I worked on during my term was my 1st VP Membership and Publicity Handbook. It is released, and you

can check it out on any of the official NJCL social media pages! I hope that future state and local 1st VPs can reference my guide in the midst of membership issues.

Reflecting on the year while writing this report made me realize how busy it's been. I hope that all of you have an amazing week. If you see me on campus, please feel free to come and talk to me, I'd love to meet you all!

E corde,
Aleah Malik

Michaela Phan, NH

NJCL 2nd VP 2018 - 2019

Salvete omnes,

My main focus this year was the Club of the Month (COTM) contests, which allowed me to see the progress and hard work of local chapters. I began the year with focus projects for every month to give developing chapters inspiration and a place to start. I aimed to have a sum of at least \$10,000 raised through these contests, and we greatly exceeded this. From numbers gathered through COTM submissions, I'm proud to say that we have raised a total of \$13,400 in the 8 months of holding COTM

contests. In addition, we collected 1,213 books and 569 blankets and articles of clothing. These achievements were only possible through the dedication of local chapters who consistently worked to hold service projects each month, and I'm so proud of the work everyone has done!

In October, I attended the Fall Planning Meeting held here at NDSU, where I got to decide spirit and dance themes, see the campus, and plan the specifics of convention with the national board and committee. In February, I organized the #JCLove Campaign, and greatly enjoyed seeing the spirit and JCLove shared by you all. I also

worked with Aleah, NJCL 1st Vice President, on the spirit and service projects for National Classics Week. At the Spring Planning Meeting in Washington, D.C., I worked with our board to finalize convention details and film the NCW promotional video.

I'm so grateful for this past year as your 2nd Vice President. Thank you for all the amazing memories and lessons that I will always carry with me.

E corde,
Michaela Phan

Natalie Hilderbrand, CA

NJCL CoCo 2018 - 2019

Salvete omnes!

It has been a great year as Communications Coordinator. One of the my favorite aspects of being the NJCL Coco has been getting to work with and learn from different local and state JCL chapters. I have loved getting to help JCLers develop and publish successful websites, effectively record minutes, and more. I have also learned so much from working with and seeing the sites of various webmasters. Their excellent work inspired me to start highlighting one webmaster per month who has been

succeeding in the website contest. They provided some tips and tricks on website upkeep on the secretary/webmaster facebook page. I hope that their advice was helpful and that future Cocos continue to highlight webmasters, starting earlier in the year, in order to provide useful advice and dialogue between webmasters.

Another important responsibility of my position was judging the monthly currency contest for the website and helping with the year-long website contest. It is clear that a lot of hard work was put into these websites.

Another great part of being Coco has

been travelling for planning meetings. During the officer breakout sessions, it was my responsibility to take minutes, record everything we discussed, and share these minutes with the officers and my mentor.

Additionally, I hosted a Skype call in January for local and state secretaries and webmasters, and I helped the rest of the board to host skype calls as well.

Thank you for electing me as your NJCL CoCo. It has been an honor representing you all, and I am so grateful.

E corde,
Natalie Hilderbrand

Fargo Forecast	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
	<p>100% Chance Tornadoes are peacefully sleeping</p> 	<p>45% Chance Tornadoes wake up due to noisy NJCL travel</p> 	<p>99% Chance Tornadoes are angry</p> 



Layla Fistos, NC

NJCL Parliamentarian 2018 - 2019

Salvete JCLers!

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to be your NJCL parliamentarian. I have had a wonderful time this past year!

After assuming office, I worked on the Constitutional and Chapter Handbook amendments. In all, Mr. Webb and I had 47 pages of Chapter Handbook amendments approved by the Executive Board and had 8 Constitutional amendments approved by the Executive Board and ACL. The Constitutional amendments shall be voted on during convention. These amendments were proposed at both Fall Planning Meeting and Spring Planning Meeting. Mr. Webb

and I reviewed the locations of election events, and we reviewed campaign regulations with the NDSU representatives.

In December, I hosted the Parliamentarians' Skype Call. We discussed recruiting candidates and favorite holiday foods. I made the *Campaign Corner* with articles from my fellow officers and myself. At Spring Planning Meeting, I also recorded officer videos about their office with the help of the NJCL Historian. I edited the videos and had them posted on Instagram to recruit candidates.

I recruited candidates using various methods of contacting people. I emailed state chairs and provincial about encouraging eligible JCLers to run for office. I had

another Parliamentarians' Skype Call to welcome the newly elected parliamentarians and disseminate information about national convention. Be sure to check out Nominations Committee Meeting, Constitutional and Bylaw Amendment Meeting, Meet the Candidates, and Open Forum at convention!

I am so grateful to everyone for giving me the chance to serve as your parliamentarian. I have enjoyed every minute of it!

- Layla Fistos

NJCL CELEBRITY WATCH

The Ear Office has been tipped off by a reliable source that THESE celebrities are present at convention. Keep your eyes open for them:

- 1) Tap Dance Hands
- 2) The Infamous Statue Destroyer from Troy
- 3) Barry B. Benson
- 4) The Fargo Woodchipper
- 5) Kylie Jenner



Friendly Fargo
Fact
(of the day):
ROME FELL IN
1453 NOT 476

Jesse Hogan, MA

NJCL Historian 2018 - 2019

Salvete omnes,

It's been a fantastic year serving you, NJCL! Here's what I've been up to this year:

Early on, I was able to create an email list, and throughout the year, I've stayed active updating state historians through email as well as through the JCL Historians Facebook group. Whether it be sharing national videos created by JCLers, promoting and showcasing submissions for Photo of the Month, or sharing examples of digital and traditional scrapbooks, I've tried

my best to create an interactive and useful community for state historians.

One task I've been responsible for consistently throughout the year has been running and judging the Photo of the Month Contest, and I have to thank everyone who submitted this year, as it was extremely rewarding to see the payoff! I was also able to introduce honorable mentions to the contest to encourage submissions this year.

I've tried to stay true to my position's name, as I tracked down past NJCL digital scrapbooks (back to 2011!) and created a document to record national statistics in the

future.

In terms of miscellaneous tasks, I ran two Skype calls for state and local historians and editors with Anika, helped Layla film officer videos, and produced and edited the National Classics Week promotional video with the other officers! Finally, I worked diligently to collect photos and create this year's NJCL scrapbook, which—insanely—will be released by the time you're reading this. So...what are you waiting for? Go check it out!

- Jesse Hogan

Anika Park, GA

NJCL Editor 2018 - 2019

Salvete!

What a year it has been! I have had an incredibly enjoyable term as your NJCL Editor, and I'd like to thank you all for providing me with this opportunity. Through this experience, I have learned and grown more than I could have imagined.

Throughout my term, I released four separate issues of the *Torch: U.S.* My fifth and final issue will be a collaboration with my mentor and my successor after national convention. The most memorable difference I made in the issues is the drastic

change in formatting and content layout. While editors most often remain objective in writing, they can express their own style in other parts of the publications. I hope the new designs and colors I added to my issues this year enhanced your enjoyment while reading.

I also added a new "preview" feature for each issue. Before completing an issue, I released a content poll which listed several fun content ideas that JCL members could vote for. Thank you to everyone who voted in these polls and contributed to the creation of the publications!

My biggest project was completed

right before national convention. I worked with a few other experienced editors to compile a new JCL Editors' Handbook. I hope that current and future editors will use this new handbook as a guide to finding their way throughout their term.

Thank you all for making this year the most memorable yet. I worked diligently to create enjoyable publications and truly treasured every moment in the process. I am grateful and honored to have served as your 2018-2019 NJCL editor.

Yours truly,
Anika Park