



name: **Gupta, Krish**

office: **Parliamentarian**

sponsor: Katie Swinford

school: The Seven Hills School

grade: 11

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## Classics/JCL Experience:

Years of Latin/Greek: **4**

State Conventions attended: **2**

National Conventions attended: **1**

Will you attend all Executive Board Meetings, Fall Forum 2019, and State Convention 2020? (Y/N): **Yes**

Will you attend the 2019 National Convention at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND? (Y/N): **Yes**

## Experience/Activities:

Club Offices: This year, I am serving as the elected Parliamentarian for my school's Latin Club Board. My responsibilities in this position include: reviewing the constitution and proposing amendments where necessary, appointing voting delegates and serving as one (if not running for state board) for state convention, and directing nom com and elections for the seven hills latin club.

Relevant experience or traits, general and with specifics for the given Office:

The state parliamentarian has three duties: to run a complete and fair election, to review the by-laws and constitution and propose amendments, and to serve as a voting delegate at National convention. As the current parliamentarian of my local chapter, I will be running our election and will gain experience doing that. Also, as our school's second parliamentarian ever, I inherited the job of revising our club's constitution from my predecessor. I cleaned up the constitution and edited some positions within our school board to make it run more efficiently, such as moving the duty of scrapbook from 1st VP to historian. Because of this, I gained a lot of experience reviewing and editing constitutions. Last year at state convention, I served as a voting delegate for my school, so I gained experience in taking the information from the meetings and relaying them back to the club. Last year at nationals, I also attended Nominations Committee and Meet the Candidates in order to understand what the meetings are like, and so when I go to nationals next year, I will be able to serve properly as a voting delegate.

School & non-school related activities/sports/etc.:

At my school, I am part of the mock trial and science olympiad teams. Outside of school, I am part of a competitive Bhangra dance team. None of these should interfere with my duties as parliamentarian because the majority of my duties are to be performed at the conventions. Other than that, the rest of my officer duties can easily be done in my free time. I have currently been managing my duties as parliamentarian of my own chapter with my extracurriculars.

## Executive Board:

Ability to communicate with students and adults (chaperones, sponsors, teachers):

Experience communicating with peers: As stated in the previous answer, I am part of a competitive Bhangra dance team and have been for the past three years. We are completely self-run with no adult supervisors, meaning that as peers, we have to communicate with each other to get each act together. We work together to get each step in sync, improve form and make it look the same, and move together for each formation. Experience communicating with adults:

As part of the mock trial team at my school, and especially as an attorney, we spent our year working with legal advisors, or adult lawyers, who came in every Sunday for practice. We would work on each portion of the trial, talking with them, taking their suggestions for content, and taking their suggestions for speaking skills. Experience with both: As the parliamentarian of the seven hills latin club, I worked with our sponsor to get amendments ratified and also worked with the rest of the seven hills board to get our chapter prepared for state convention.

What have you done to understand the duties of the office you are seeking?

I have read through the Constitution and By-Laws put on the website. Other than that, as stated above, I have attended election meetings at both state and national conventions, and I served as a parliamentarian at my own local chapter, all of which has given me a higher understanding of the duties of the parliamentarian. Do you have any goals/ideas for the Executive Board and/or the OJCL? Please be specific to the office you are seeking.

My goals for the OJCL are simply to help improve the election process for everyone. The election process at convention currently runs very smoothly except for one part: Voting Fellowship. Last year, as a voting delegate, I found that the time given for the meeting was not nearly enough. Relaying the information I learned about each candidate from the two meetings and personal interactions would have taken much longer than 30 minutes if we wanted to do each candidate proper justice. In fact, we had to vote for one office based on only one piece of info: that apparently one candidate had bullied one of our chapter's members at the convention. For another office, we didn't even discuss, we just voted. I want to extend the time of Voting Fellowship to allow each chapter to do justice to all candidates during the voting. To encourage potential candidates to run, I would like to help remove some of their anxiety of running for office to help them encourage them to do it. I would do this by making an "experience" sheet or "interview" sheet where a whole bunch of interviews from officers and previous candidates are compiled. They would explain what running for office felt like such as how they overcame nervousness, maybe one tip they have for prospective candidates, and anything else that could help reduce/remove anxiety from prospective candidates. They could also talk about what it was like to hold their office which may help prospective candidates decide that they want to run for office. This could help encourage students from small schools and schools and that have never had anyone on the executive board because it could answer some of their questions and give them insight that they would not otherwise have. To make things easier for all candidates, I would like to put speech making guides, public speaking guides, and example campaign posters. This would be especially helpful for state of emergency candidates, who already have to do things in a rush. With just a few hours to come up with a nom com speech and campaign materials, having some examples and guides might help encourage state of emergency spots to be filled. To increase the number of pre-file candidates for each position, I would like to reach out to different chapters in Ohio and talk with people on chapter boards. Spending time to discuss their skill set could help them to consider running for certain positions and may pull more qualified candidates than normal. In order to inform the OJCL about the candidates at nationals, I would like to create a google doc in which I add objective information about each candidate. Every objective fact that I learn about each candidate from nom com, meet the candidates, speeches, and other personal interactions would be added to this google doc sheet and shared to every member of the OJCL. This way, we could have a much more informed discussion during Voting Caucus.

Why would you like to become a member of the OJCL Executive Board?

I want to be a member of the OJCL Executive Board because I have been part of the JCL for three years now and the community is just amazing. I have accumulated a lot of experience for the office of parliamentarian, and I believe that I could help give back to the JCL community by becoming part of the Executive Board. Especially as the parliamentarian, I could help encourage qualified people to run for other more critical offices which could overall help to improve the JCL experience for other students.

Other Biographical Information/Comments:

None.