



name: **Wabler, Matt**

office: **1st Vice President**

sponsor: Mrs. Swinford

school: Seven Hills

grade: 11

Classics/JCL Experience:

Years of Latin/Greek: **5**

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): **No**

Experience/Activities:

Club Offices: I have two years of club board experience: Parliamentarian as a sophomore, and 1st VP as a junior. As parliamentarian, I created three new board offices so that our club could function more smoothly, and began the first steps towards polishing, clarifying, and strengthening our constitution.

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

I served as both parliamentarian and 1st VP at my chapter over my high school career, and as 1st VP, I was the point of outreach to our members and to the middle school latin club at Seven Hills. This gave me the experience of recruiting for a club and encouraging excitement about JCL events, which will help me greatly as 1st VP at the state level. I also have good interpersonal skills from working in my club and in other extracurriculars with both large and small groups. This will help me in my outreach to local chapters and individual members as 1st VP.

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

I play tennis and piano, but neither requires an overwhelming time commitment, so I have lots of free time and spare effort to give for the OJCL. My duties as an OJCL officer will always take priority over everything besides schoolwork.

Executive Board:

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

I have had a summer job at Seven Hills as a camp counselor. In this position, I had to work and communicate both with other counselors from high school and college and adults in administrative positions. My position on our club board also requires me to communicate with both groups because I often have to help run meetings or present on a new topic or idea, as well as communicate with our sponsors to organize events or share new ideas.

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

I have read through the by-laws of the OJCL to learn the duties of the 1st VP. I have also been our club 1st VP, and the duties of our club 1st VP has similar duties to the state one, such as outreach to other groups and members.

Do you have any goals/ideas for the Executive Board and/or the OJCL? Please be specific to the office you are seeking.

I would like to create a promotional video for the next convention (working with the rest of the board) in the same way that the OJCL board made a video for the Miami University NJCL Convention. This was a great idea and I think that it would be effective to implement at the state level. The video would show off the location, events, and other fun things about convention to convince members to attend, and would be distributed through OJCL social media, the OJCL Youtube account, and possibly on the website. I would also like to create a special set of event points to reward chapters that participate in non-convention activities such as National Classics Week. The chapter leading in points after the last event before convention would be able to redeem a prize at convention, like a pizza party for the first night or some other fun reward. This would provide an incentive for participation in events year round, and hopefully provide an investment in the state convention for those who try to win these points at smaller events. I would also like to publicize National Classics Week by accepting photo/video submissions from local chapters to be posted on OJCL social media. This would show off the fun that can be had throughout the week and will increase participation.

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

I would like to become a member of the OJCL board because I have been a member of the OJCL for 3 years and enjoyed every minute thoroughly. I will have attended 3 state conventions after this year's and 1 national convention, and I want to help the board provide the same great experiences I have had to the current members of the OJCL and to help new chapters and members join the OJCL so they can take part in the fun.

Other Biographical Information/Comments:

None.