

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES REGARDING THE THIRD MEETING
BOSTON UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
NOVEMBER 19, 2016
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Dramatis Personae

Board Members:

Veena Lagare	President	BLA
Anusha Kulkarni	First Vice President	AMSA
Rachel Bisson	Second Vice President	MTG
Tim Liu	Secretary	BLS
Kayla Riker	Treasurer	BLS
Hugh Sanford	Parliamentarian	MTG
Shreya Murthy	Publications Editor	AMSA
Will Burnett	Historian	BLS
Evan Tipping	Technical Coordinator	RT

State Chairs:

Janet Fillion		BLA
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Regrets:

Tamara Bauer	State Chair	BLS
Catherine Foley	State Chair	BLS
Viet Luong	State Chair	BLA
Nancy Sinacola	State Chair	St. Bernard's

Guests:

Clair Fu		BLS
Carina Layfield	BLS Parliamentarian	BLS
Ting Wei Li	BLS Publications Editor	BLS

Highlights:

1. The officers gave their reports. Kayla spoke about the amount of money garnered by each event so far. Hugh spoke about releasing another *Campaign Corner*. Shreya spoke about their newest issue of the newsletter and the printing of publications for Classics Day. Rachel made a list of the officers' chosen charities for "Coin Wars". Veena spoke about *Praetoria* reception. Anusha provided details regarding Classics Day.

2. Ms. Fillion gave the State Chairs' report, expressing concerns regarding the catapult and ballista contest at Kick-Off.
3. The board spoke about Classics Day. They discussed the lunch situation, what content will not be allowed for the school skits, and the map and program for the event.
4. The board dwelled upon a few miscellaneous topics. Evan arrived and gave his officer report. He announced some new additions to the website and spoke with Ms. Fillion about convincing local chapters to create their own websites, should they not already have one.
5. Will arrived and gave his report. He won the Photograph of the Month Contest and has posted Kick-Off/*Praetoria* photographs to Flickr. The board discussed Street Certamen details, including the event's schedule and date.

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting

9:27 AM

Officer Reports:

9:27 – Tim gives his report. He has nothing to speak upon, except the difficulties there have been in getting Evan's officer crewneck.

9:28 – Kayla gives her report. She provides the details of how much money has been acquired from each event so far.

9:29 – Hugh gives his report. He mentions Dalena's *Campaign Corner* idea from last year. She was not able to release it until a few weeks before State Convention, but Hugh has already started on his own and plans to send it out much earlier.

9:30 – Shreya gives her report. She says that the next *Forum Factorum* is currently ready. She has had difficulties with finding articles, but the production of the issue has nevertheless gone smoothly. Additionally, she has questions about the printing of publications. Ms. Fillion says issues must be printed for the September packet. Shreya suggests distributing printed copies at Classics Day. However, Ms. Fillion wonders how many people will actually thoroughly read the publication. Thus, Shreya thinks that only a few copies should be printed for each school. She lives near a printing service in Westborough, which produces high quality items for a relatively cheap price. Eighty prints with a glossy front and back cover would cost around two-hundred and fifty dollars. The board agrees to purchase this coated paper over the cheaper, lower quality option. Ms. Fillion says that the issues must be put on the tables, not in the school packets, since the attending chapters will undoubtedly vary in size. Shreya will have the publications printed out by the week before Classics Day. The board agrees to digitally release the next issue of the *Forum Factorum* before Classics Day. Shreya shares it with the board for their initial perusal.

9:42 – Rachel gives her report. She asks the officers for the charities that they have selected for "Coin Wars" and makes a list of this. Ms. Fillion reminds the board not to select charities that would personally benefit them.

9:52 – Veena gives her report. She has sent out a *Praetoria* survey, and has received responses. A number of people agreed that the event felt too long, especially near the beginning. Rachel thinks that it should be more interactive and include more activities. Veena has also sent out the *Praetoria* presentation to all of the attendees.

9:53 – Anusha gives her report. She has been talking to Ms. Kelly from Boston University. Almost everything for Classics Day has been set in stone. All checks have also been cashed in. Ms. Fillion thinks that the Classics Day board meeting should not be at Boston University; it is unfair to the western Massachusetts people and is completely unnecessary. Northborough Public Library has been a decent meeting place, but Ms. Fillion wonders if it will still be available for the next year. Shreya says that her family could help reserve rooms there in the future. Nevertheless, Ms. Fillion believes that there could be a backup place.

State Chairs' Report:

9:58 – Ms. Fillion brings up concerns about the catapult and ballista contest at Kick-Off. There was a ratchet and pulley mechanism this year, going against the set of rules regarding what can and cannot be fired. Ms. Fillion says that a teacher talked with her about how trebuchets are not quite classical. Shreya believes that as long as an item is not modern, it should be allowed. The ratchet and pulley mechanism was not fair since it is a modern system that replaces a human's pulling action. The board agrees that these rules should be updated in the contest Booklet. However, Shreya finds the current rules — the rules are already clear enough, so there need be no changes. Ms. Fillion declares that the rules must to be included on the flyer next year.

Classics Day Discussion:

10:05 – Anusha tells the officers that they will be directing people to their workshops and helping to organize and distribute the lunches. She suggests setting up the lunches of smaller schools at their tables. Shreya adds on to this idea, proposing that the lunches of small and medium schools should be collected and made available to distribute by their sponsors, while there would still be a line for the larger schools. The board agrees upon this. Ms. Fillion wonders if there will be signs directing people to their workshops. Anusha confirms that there will be. It is also decided that officers should arrive at the venue no later than eight in the morning. Ms. Fillion also brings up the subject of parking at Classics Day — this should be dealt with soon, as Ms. Kelly usually needs time to sort it out.

10:20 – Shreya thinks that the school skits should be brought up to the board for approval before the performances. This would be to ensure that none of the skits contain anything inappropriate or overtly political. The board decides that an email regarding this should be sent out beforehand, although the skits will still be screened in person at the event. A deliberation ensues about what is considered politically fit for skits. It is agreed upon that there should be no toxic politics or mentions of this year's presidential candidates. If a politically toxic skit is brought forth, the

school will have a chance to rewrite it, or be disqualified. The officers decide to write a skit of their own, but this will be done later, preferably during Thanksgiving break.

10:25 – Anusha reads through the schedule for Classics Day. Shreya recalls that the maps on the programs last year were lackluster. Thus, it may be better to project a map or have one large map per table. Ms. Fillion says that there should be a classical image related to the theme on the cover of the program. It is decided that Shreya will be making the program.

Miscellaneous Topics and Evan's Report:

10:35 – Shreya expresses concern about the MassJCL Adobe Cloud. She constantly gets locked out of it, and wonders if anyone unauthorized is using it. The board agrees upon having the password reset. Evan arrives at 10:37 AM. Anusha confirms that she will email Ms. Kelly for information about the Classics Day parking situation. Veena asks Anusha if she knows which presenters need projectors for their workshops. Anusha says that she has sorted this out. Ms. Kelly has all of the information on what items each speaker needs.

10:40 – Evan gives his report. All of the Classics Day documents are currently on the website. There is now a short description of MassJCL on the website. He has also added Certamen questions from previous competitions to the website. Ms. Fillion expresses concern about the size of the initial picture of the homepage. She thinks that it should be smaller, so that the viewer does not have to scroll down in order to view any of the contents on the homepage. Additionally, she suggests to Evan that he should make an announcement at Classics Day about individual school websites — chapters that want to make their own website but do not have one yet can use the free server space available to MassJCL. Evan states that he will be communicating with the person who owns this server space. He could also send out a message to all sponsors after Classics Day. In any case, Ms. Fillion believes that Evan should relentlessly attempt to convince chapters to make their own websites — even if the sites are only one page — since they count for publicity points. Evan wishes to add a feature to the website that allows users to directly send emails to each of the officers, although implementing this is a difficult process. Ms. Fillion wants to know if there will be pictures on the website. Evan says that he could use photographs from Will's Flickr account.

10:51 – The board and guests consider the possibility of going to the upcoming National Convention by train.

Street Certamen Discussion and Will's Report:

11:02 – Shreya explains that the AMSA administration is willing to host Street Certamen, but she still must figure out the event details and manage the paperwork. She needs to request a date for this, a date in February that does not conflict with BLS Certamen. Rachel explains to Ms. Fillion why Street Certamen will replace the dance — the MassJCL population would be more enticed to a Certamen related event than to a dance. Ms. Fillion wants to know if admission will be charged. Rachel says that MassJCL will only charge what is necessary to hold the event. Will

arrives at 11:10 AM. The board agree that the event should be based on the usual Certamen tournament structure. This will include lunch; most of the expenses will probably come from the pizza. Shreya will figure out which parts of the AMSA building the tournament should be held in. She also wishes to know if there needs to be a nurse on staff. The consensus is that this would be unnecessary. Ms. Fillion thinks that the event should be advertised at Classics Day, where flyers could be distributed. Carina suggests that the officers make their skit an advertisement for the event. The board praises and decides to act upon this idea.

11:16 – Will offers to film the officers’ charity shorts during the downtime at Classics Day, since it does not appear likely that they will be filmed at the current meeting. However, he worries about the amount of time it may take for the video to export, so filming at Classics Day could be risky. Instead, the officers decide to film the videos on their own time. **Will wants videos to be submitted by November 28.** A new “Coin Wars” video will be filmed for State Convention, so the one for Classics Day does not have to be perfect. Ms. Fillion asks for the officers to explain how “Coin Wars” works. (Dollar bills count for negative points, while coins count for positive points. If you desire for a specific officer to win, you must put in coins into their jar. All of the collected money goes to the winner’s charity.) Will reminds the board that last year’s Classics Day script must be edited and prepared into this year’s script soon.

11:26 – Will gives his report. He won the Photograph of the Month contest; this announcement is followed by many congratulations. The photographs from Kick-Off and *Praetoria* are available on Flickr. A small selection of those have also been posted on the photograph highlights section of the MassJCL Facebook account. The post-National Convention scrapbook has unfortunately been cancelled. Will asks Anusha if she has a flyer for Classics day. She says that she does, and that Shreya will be creating the program.

11:34 – The discussion turns back towards the topic of Street Certamen. Shreya wonders if there should be separate levels, but the board agrees that there should not be, since it would prevent some people from competing with their friends. Next, the board decides that there will only be a few classics related questions in each round. Shreya goes through the schedule. The event will start at **10:00 AM** with opening remarks. Rounds will occur between **10:30 AM** and **12:45 PM**. **12:45 PM** to **1:45 PM** will be allocated for lunch. The final rounds will occur from **1:45 PM** to **2:30 PM**. **2:30 PM** to **3:00 PM** will encompass the closing remarks and any miscellaneous topics. Ting suggests instituting a discount for teams that bring buzzer machines. The board agrees on a flat price for admission and discounts for those who bring buzzer machines. Shreya thinks that people should be invited as schools, but that inter-school teams will be allowed. Tim confirms that BLSJCL Certamen will be held on February 11. Due to this, Shreya decides to reserves February 4th as the Street Certamen date.

11:50 – Will thinks that performing an officer “lip sync” at State Convention would be an effective promotional concept. With nothing else left to discuss, the meeting is official adjourned.

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Duration:

2 Hours and 23 Minutes

Summary:

Most of the officers gave their reports, followed by Ms. Fillion giving the State Chairs’ report. The logistics of both Classics Day and the new Street Certamen event were discussed, intermingled with a few more officer reports and some miscellaneous topics.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- Classics Day ----- *December 1, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *January 28, 2017*
- January MassJCL Board Meeting Snow Date ----- *February 4, 2016*
- Street Certamen Event ----- *February 4, 2016 (TBD)*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *March 18, 2016*
- MassJCL State Convention ----- *April 7 to 9, 2017*

Entertaining Latin Quote:

“Solum certum nihil esse certi et homine nihil miserius aut superbius.”

“Only one thing is certain: that nothing is certain, and nothing is more wretched or arrogant than man.”

– **Plinius Maior, *Naturalis Historia*, Book II, Section 7**

Insightful Literature Quote:

“Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrongs.”

– **Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre***