

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES REGARDING THE SECOND MEETING
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JULY 16, 2016
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Dramatis Personae

Board Members:

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

State Chairs:

Tamara Bauer		BLS
Janet Fillion		BLA

Regrets:

Catherine Foley	State Chair	BLS
Anusha Kulkarni	First Vice President	AMSA
Viet Luong	State Chair	BLA
Kayla Riker	Treasurer	BLS
Nancy Sinacola	State Chair	St. Bernard's

Guests:

Anne Nelson	Former State Chair	WSHS
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Highlights:

1. The officers gave their reports. Some of the more noteworthy parts of this include a discussion about the quantity of scrapbooks throughout the year, the modification of the Minutes, and the question of entertainment at Kick-Off. (See Minutes 10:21 to 11:56)
2. The board and State Chairs discussed miscellaneous matters, such as the *Praetoria* date, while waiting for lunch. Afterwards, lunch was served. (See Minutes 11:57 to 12:29)
3. The State Chairs provided their report. They spoke about the venue of the upcoming State Convention and the September Mailing Packets. (See Minutes 12:30 to 1:23)

4. The dates for all of the board meetings throughout the year, along with the date for Praetoria, are solidified. Additionally, the board plans on holding an event near the end of February, the details of which have not yet been specified. (See Minutes 1:24 to 1:50)
5. The board and State Chairs quickly spoke about the roll call skit at National Convention. (See Minutes 1:51 to 1:57)

Pre-Meeting Activity (If any):

- The Secretary and Publications Editor receive their respective binders.

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting

10:21 AM

Officer Reports:

10:21 – The meeting officially starts with the officer reports. Evan requests certain files for his website. However, Anushree, the previous Technical Coordinator, needs for the website to stay as it is until National Convention. Evan thinks that the sooner information can be transmitted to the various chapters, the better. Adding on to this, Ms. Fillion believes that the Contest Booklet should be done by September. Evan will have a navigation bar with multiple subsections on his website. He also needs pictures for an “officer bios” page. Ms. Bauer recommends that Evan ask his peers about advice regarding the website. Ms. Fillion thinks that Evan should look at the winners of website contests at National convention for further guidance.

10:24 – Will gives his report. He says that scrapbook, started by Emily, the previous Historian, is completed. He presents BLSJCL scrapbook, while explaining the changes to the scrapbook contest at National Convention; there will be different types of awards rather than numerical placements. Next, he talk about the responses for the media release forms pertaining to the Spirit Party. He asks if the media release forms will be one for every individual event or if there will be one form for the entire year. Due to the complication of multiple forms, the board and state chairs lean towards the decision of there only being one form at the beginning of the year (with a list of events throughout the year) that must be handed back with the dues and other registration forms. Will considers doing an online scrapbook for each event. Ms. Fillion outlines how that may conflict with the role of Publications Editor. It is decided that there will be a scrapbook after State Convention, after National Convention, and at the end of the year. Will would still like to show a scrapbook before State Convention because he feels that not enough people get to see the scrapbooks; this will be digital and non-competitive. Will will be submitting a physical scrapbook to National Convention next year. Ms. Bauer suggests that the website, scrapbook, and newsletter have much overlap and have become increasingly similar, thus Evan should regularly include updates on his website.

10:40 – Shreya gives her report. She says that the newsletter has been completed. Ms. Bauer brings up the discussion about the medium of the newsletters. Due to the amount of effort and

expenses required to print them out, and the small number of people that read those printed copies, she believes that they should only be distributed physically at State Convention. Shreya talks about using either regular printer paper or PDFs on website. The PDFs could be sent to sponsors so that they may print them out, if desired. Rachel thinks that the board could figure out the demand for physical copies and adjust accordingly, but Ms. Bauer says that this is too dependent on the integrity of individual teachers. Shreya displays her new cover design. She is incorporating a format where there are less photographs and graphics. Rachel suggests using either QR codes or shortened links at State Convention or people to access the newsletters. Ms. Fillion brings up free internet domain space that is available to MassJCL. She also says that emails sent out to a large number of students or teachers must be “bcc”ed. Ms. Bauer requests that the State Chairs check over any emails that are sent out to the club. She also believes that there needs to be a higher variety of photographs in the publication, not just photographs of the board and BLSJCL; this would help encourage more people to read the newsletters.

11:03 – Hugh gives his report. He has edited and readied the constitution. It has been prepared in PDF form. Hugh mentions an amendment from a few years ago (about the requirement for individuals to have served on the MassJCL board for at least one year prior to running for President) that was never fully incorporated into the constitution. Ms. Bauer suggests that Hugh simply add it, as it is a rule that many are already aware of, so the addition would not be an ordeal. Ms. Fillion suggests that the exact wording of it may be in a previous set of Minutes. Hugh has added all of the amendments that have passed at this year’s State Convention.

11:16 – Will gives Kayla’s report. This report includes statistics about funds, payments, and checks. Ms. Bauer says that Kayla should make a standardized reimbursement form. The board and State Chairs should also be notified about any monetary expenditure. Rachel has sent all of her receipts to Kayla, who has sent out the checks last night. Shreya has also sent her receipts, although Kayla may not have received them. Shreya will be creating the stationery.

11:23 – Tim gives his report. The State Chairs have requested that the Minutes be shortened and made more concise. In order to do this, Tim will be only incorporating timestamps for each important topic of discussion, as well as removing the redundancy of consistently stating that “this person said this”, unless specifically important. Finally, due to a request by the State Chairs, the board meetings will no longer be recorded through audio.

11:30 – Veena gives Anusha’s report. She has contacted a number of professors for Classics Day. Will brings up the prospect of getting the author J.K. Rowling at a MassJCL event. Although the likelihood of this may be slim, Rachel hopes that MassJCL could at least receive a letter or video from her. If anything regarding this is to happen, however, the board needs to find someone who has contact with the author. Hugh says he could prepare a Harry Potter presentation for the entertainment at Kick-Off. Ms. Fillion mentions that the auditorium cannot be used any longer. This may create a variety of problems. Rachel suggests that everyone could be outside with the mountain in the background, although the State Chairs believe that this could create a new set of problems.

11:40 – Rachel gives her report. She demonstrates the spirit props, which are **CONFIDENTIAL**. Afterwards, she gives her spirit party recap, citing that it went smoothly, aside from the lack of eating utensils. Additionally, Will says that the Spirit Party video was very well received.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

11:57 – It is decided that *Praetoria* will be on November 12th, 2016. However, this brings up the question of when the preparatory meeting for Classics Day will be.

12:03 – Lunch arrives and is served. During lunch, Will announces that he is rewriting the scrapbook rubric based upon the new National Convention rubric. Hugh says that he will be working on the issue of Candidacy Corner at an early time. There is a deliberation over whether or not this should be distributed at *Praetoria*.

State Chairs' Report:

12:30 – State Chairs give their report. Ms. Bauer, Ms. Fillion, and Ms. Sinicola have gone out to Sturbridge. They have found out that renting a stage is a possibility, given the previous stage problems. Ms. Bauer distributes a piece of paper with creative classical mythology related field and pool events that could occur at State Convention. She also suggests a contest in which people will try to create a mythology related event. There will be nobody else at State Convention besides MassJCL. The mythology related events will most likely be implemented. Will brings up the the issue where people were not allowed to go back to their hotel rooms at all during the day – this was bad for introverted people and those who needed to retrieve stuff from their rooms. Ms. Bauer suggests that students must get sponsor permission and check in with that same sponsors right after they leave their rooms. Dr. Nelson arrives.

12:53 – The *Praetoria* and Kick-Off dates are momentarily brought up. Mount Greylock Regional High School will make the decision of when Kick-Off will occur.

12:55 – The conversation returns to the State Chairs' report. Will explains how difficult it was for him to collect the media release forms from all of the Spirit Party attendees. This is why he suggests one form at the beginning of the year. Veena details Ms. Sinicola's draft of the media release form. After some discussion, it is made definitive that there will be a single media release form for all events throughout the year. This will be sent to teachers, who may put it on their school-specific registration forms (or give the form directly to their students), whether it be physical or online. However, Ms. Bauer believes that the forms should remain on a physical medium. Ms. Bauer will keep a list of people who do not want to be photographed.

1:04 – The discussion shifts over to the topic of the September Mailing Packets. Last year, it was sent out too late and there were problems with acquiring the necessary materials. It has been previously sent out to almost every Latin teacher in the state, yet this strategy may not be actually paying off. The packets were massive and they had to be individually addressed, which took up too many expenses and too much time. The packets should be only sent to chapters that

have been a part of MassJCL before. The other Latin teachers will receive a much simpler letter (letter, calendar, membership forms, Kick-Off information). These items must be arranged, and the packets should be sent out before the beginning of school. The contents should be prepared directly after National Convention and then copied and sent out throughout the rest of August. Dr. Nelson suggests that the forms and information could be put on the website. Ms. Bauer gives Evan a list of the items that he must include in the various sections on his website. Ms. Fillion brings up the issue of getting the letters out to Latin teachers that have moved from one school to another. Shreya suggests simply addressing the packets with the name “Latin teacher”. Ms. Fillion and Dr. Nelson agree that “Latin teacher” would work for all of the letters, regardless of their size (whether they have the packet or the simple introductory contents), since it is hard to track down certain people and confirm whether or not they are still involved with JCL.

Upcoming Dates Discussion:

1:24 – The upcoming dates are established. The next board meeting will be on August 13th, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at Northborough Public Library. October will contain Kick-Off (the date is still to be determined). The preparatory Kick-Off meeting will be on October 8th, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at Northborough Public Library. *Praetoria* will be on November 12th. The preparatory Classics Day board meeting will be on November 19th, at Boston University. The January board meeting will be on the 28th, at Northborough Public Library; the snow day emergency date will be February 4th. Rachel wishes to propose an event to replace the semi-formal dance. The board and State Chairs agree that the tentative date for this event will be sometime near the end of February. The details of this event will be discussed in full capacity at a later date. Will considers bringing the BLS Wolftones (an “a capella” group) for Kick-Off entertainment. Shreya suggests a Certamen and Harry Potter combination – the “Harry Potter Berkshire Bowl” – for entertainment. Should that be the case Hugh’s Harry Potter presentation will be a workshop. Shreya is assigned to work on the “Harry Potter Berkshire Bowl” over the summer. The preparatory State Convention board meeting will be on March 18th at Sturbridge.

Nationals Discussion:

1:51 – Will says that Hanna, the NJCL Second Vice President, has a message regarding National Convention – the individuals performing the roll call will not be allowed to wear shorts on stage. Jamie Doyle from BLS and Rachel are writing the script. There are a few other members of MassJCL that wish to help with this. Roll call skits must be given to Hanna by midnight on the Monday of National Convention. If the skit should have a Harry Potter theme, robes could be used to cover any shorts.

1:58 – The meeting is officially adjourned.

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Duration:

3 Hours and 37 Minutes

Summary:

To begin the meeting, the officers gave their reports. Following that, the date of *Praetoria* was quickly discussed and lunch was served. Once that was completed, the State Chairs gave their report. The board and State Chairs then preceded to determine dates throughout the upcoming school year. Finally, the attendees of the meeting spoke about National Convention before the meeting was officially adjourned.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- NJCL Convention ----- *July 25 to 30, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *August 13, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *October 8, 2016*
- Kick-Off ----- *October, 2016*
- Praetoria ----- *November 12, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *November 19, 2016*
- Classics Day ----- *December 1, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *January 28, 2017*
- January MassJCL Board Meeting Snow Date ----- *February 4, 2016*
- Undisclosed MassJCL Event ----- *February, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *March 18, 2016*
- MassJCL State Convention ----- *April 7 to 9, 2017*

Entertaining Latin Quote:

*“Quare aut hendecasyllabos trecentos
exspecta, aut mihi linteum remitte”*

“Therefore expect either three hundred hendecasyllabic verses, or send my napkin back to me”

– **Gaius Valerius Catullus, *Carmen XII.10-11***

Insightful Literature Quote:

“The loneliest moment in someone’s life is when they are watching their whole world fall apart, and all they can do is stare blankly.”

– **F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby***