

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

MINUTES REGARDING THE AUGUST MEETING

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Attendance:

All 2017-2018 officers were present: President Anushree Iyengar of AMSA, 1st Vice President Tim Liu of BLS, 2nd Vice President Tamsin Edwards of MAMS (arrived at 10:20), Secretary Rachel Wang of AMSA, Treasurer Vikiana Petit-Homme of BLA, Parliamentarian Carina Layfield of BLS (arrived at 10:45), Publications Editor Jacob Hane of MTG, Historian Jesse Hogan of AMSA, and Technical Coordinator Jonathan Yuan of BLS. **State chairs** present were Tamara Bauer of BLS, Margaret Burns of BLS, and Janet Fillion of BLA. **Guests** present were MaSCL president Dalena Nguyen of Brown University, MaSCL Member-At-Large Shreya Murthy of UConn, BLS Publications Editor Ting Wei Li of BLS, and Jamie Doyle of UMass Dartmouth (arrived at 11:43). **Regrets** were State Chair Victoria Miklosky of Barnstable High School.

Beginning of the Meeting:

This meeting was in the smaller meeting room of the Northborough Free Library rather than the usual large meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 10:18 A.M. by President Anushree Iyengar.

Discussion and Decisions:

Nationals Recap - The board briefly discussed National Convention. Overall, **MassJCL did very well at Nationals**, placing in 1st in community service two, 2nd in digital scrapbook, 3rd in publications, 2nd in roll call skits, and many delegates receiving awards for their accomplishments. The **fidget spinners were very successful at Agora**, completely selling out. **Plans for a state banner for next year were discussed**, and it was decided that **Jesse would sketch a design including "MassJCL," an outline of Massachusetts, and colonial/other imagery distinctive to MA.**

Officer Reports:

Technical Coordinator - Jonathan has built most of the main pages of the website, and will upload the complete website by September. He will create a Google Form for currency point submissions to be more in line with the format of the NJCL currency point submission.

Editor – Jacob has completed the new MassJCL stationery. He will be ordering 200 copies from Curry Printing, and letting them know that Anushree will be picking up some of the stationary as well. Shreya will contact Curry Printing to let them know to continue using the MassJCL credit card for payment. He will also be ordering 100 copies of the first issue of the Forum Factorum to put in the September Mailing.

Historian – Jesse has finished editing his photos from Nationals and uploaded them onto Google Drive, and the MassJCL social media accounts. He has experienced difficulties uploading his promotional video onto Youtube, as there is no record of what email was used with the MassJCL Youtube account.

Parliamentarian – Carina has created a **new procedure in the case of a state of emergency**. She proposes **holding voting fellowship before That's**

Entertainment, allowing votes to be counted during TE performances. If there was a state of emergency, **applications would be announced after That's Entertainment and be open until Sunday morning.** A 2/3rds majority vote of **the new board** would determine an applicant to fill the office, and **inauguration of the whole board would happen at the final General Assembly.** The board unanimously votes for this proposal.

Treasurer – Vikiana updates the board on the current balance of the MassJCL bank account. Fundraising ideas are discussed (see the **Fundraising** section). The **board decides to make a small donation to the Northborough Free Library** as a gesture of gratitude for letting MassJCL use its facilities for board meetings.

Secretary – Rachel sent out the minutes of the last meeting and is **currently working on a new minutes format** to make them more concise and readable. She currently **has several of the ribbons and certificates for MassJCL Olympika relay teams**, if anyone would like to claim them.

2VP – Tamsin proposed switching from monthly service projects **to having projects due at MassJCL events**, allowing people to physically deliver items, and the board unanimously agreed with this idea. She has chosen the organization **Reach Out to Read for the year-round service project.** Tamsin and Anushree would like **the officers to send them their charity for Coin Wars by the September Mailing.**

1VP – Tim has **18 speakers currently lined up for Classics Day.** He has asked them to send a brief description of their workshop. Unfortunately, he has only heard back from one speaker but has several backup speakers ready. He is **making changes to the Classical Meme Contest** before publicizing it more.

President – Anushree has **started to revise the State Convention Contest booklet and wishes to publish it by early September;** her proposed changes have been uploaded onto Google Drive. She also has started work on the September Mailing packet. More details about this can be found under **State Convention Contest Booklet** and **September Mailing Packet.**

Media Release Form:

It is decided a photo release form will need to be created and released before Kickoff. **Students who have not submitted a media release form will wear a green sticker at events** (this will be handed out with nametags/etc. depending on the event). Sponsors will have their students sign and return these media release forms to them, and then sign and send back a form to MassJCL stating they have given media release forms to all of their students, and including the names of any students who did not return the media release forms.

September Mailing Packet:

Fliers for Boston Elite (from MASCL), Kickoff (created by Jacob), Classics Day and other upcoming events with pertinent information (e.g., registration fees, location, time), a President's letter, membership forms, a calendar of events, the new media release form, and a copy of the Forum Factorum need to be included.

They should be labeled using the 30 labels/page Avery mailing labels and the Avery software. About 600 packets will need to be mailed to the sponsors at all MA schools having attended Classics Day/involved in JCL as well as the state chairs of the other New England states by the second week of September/second week of school.

State Convention Contest Booklet:

It is decided **April 2nd will be the deadline for pre-convention contests**; mailed entries (publicity binder and payment forms) will need to be postmarked by this date.

Carina proposed having a constitution contest to encourage more schools to update or create a constitution for their chapter. It is decided that **chapters can email a copy of their constitution for 1 point by the first day of State Convention** as a trial run for this new contest.

Discussion regarding continuing the digital scrapbook ensues; last year, there was unfortunately only one submission. After a vote, all members of the board except for Ms. Fillion vote to continue the contest for the year. **It is decided the digital scrapbook contest will remain for the year and the board will revisit this contest in the future.**

Discussion regarding a new format for submissions to various contests ensues. Jonathan will be making a **Google form for currency points submissions**, with the last currency points deadline also being the deadline for the website contest. It is decided that community service submissions will be done through Google Drive, with **each local 2VP creating a Google Document for their chapter's community service projects**. They will upload the number of people, hours, dates, etc. onto the document for each project. **This document will need to be shared with the 2VP (Tamsin) before the first night of convention.** The **social media contest is discussed, and the board unanimously agrees the rubric needs to be updated** to be more in line with the national social media contest. The **distinction between the Community Outreach, Publicity, and Community Service contests also needs to be stressed** in the contest booklet: Community Outreach counts for the Publicity binder, but not all Publicity work is Community Outreach work. Community Service is unrelated to these two contests. Ms. Fillion asks Anushree if she can send her the Community Service and Community Outreach contest forms soon.

The suggestion of having the state chairs host a workshop about the contest booklet was also raised.

State Chairs Report:

Ms. Fillion, Ms. Burns, Ms. Bauer, and Ms. Sinacola (Ms. Miklosky was unfortunately not able to come) had a meeting and **divided the officers amongst the chairs as follows: Ms. Bauer has Anushree, Jesse, Rachel, and Tamsin, and will help Vikiana with MassJCL financial information, Ms. Burns has Carina, Jonathan, and Tim, Ms. Fillion will be working with Vikiana and Jacob, and Tim from time to time.** Officers should feel more than welcome to contact the state chairs with concerns.

SCL Report:

Dalena gave the SCL report. The **Boston Elite Certamen is being held on September 30th at Boston University**, and the SCL will be holding a **raffle for state convention packets** (one to an adult and one to an advanced player) and Certamen travel

scholarships. As discussed in the previous meeting, the **Dollars for Scholars fundraiser will now be held in a Jeopardy-style format.**

New England JCL Event:

Anushree opens discussion regarding the possibility of a New England JCL event. Several officers from other New England states had approached her and other members of the MassJCL board about potentially hosting a convention or other social event in a NE state. After much deliberation, the board unanimously agrees that **a New England JCL event is not feasible for MassJCL at this time.** The time proposed (beginning of June) is during the MA school year, and there are many concerns regarding the complicated logistics and the expense and distance of transportation. The state chairs suggest having a **casual social event such as going to Canobie Lake Park, and inviting the other New England states to Kickoff with reduced admission (\$5 vs. \$10).** The board agrees with this proposal.

Fundraising:

The idea of making customized MassJCL sunglasses, fidget spinners, fidget cubes, and earbuds were discussed as potential fundraising ideas. **Vikiana will be placing an order of 50 customized fidget cubes and 100 fidget spinners.** Dalena says that **MassJCL will be able to sell items at Boston Elite.**

Kickoff and Praetoria:

For Kickoff, Jacob proposed having **Street Certamen in lieu of regular Certamen questions**, and the board agrees. Carina and Jonathan say they can talk to Mr. Howard about using questions from last year's Street Certamen that unfortunately never happened. Jacob will be writing **a separate email to sponsors about Kickoff explaining contest rules, events, etc.** and get an estimated amount of students attending from sponsors for ordering lunches. He will also be talking to Mr. Davis to make sure rooms are reserved for various events and to secure the free bus to the art museum. It is decided that the Kickoff officer skit will be about Coin Wars, and the video introducing Coin Wars will be played at Classics Day as usual. Ms. Bauer will be collecting the registration fees and any dues at Kickoff.

Discussion about Praetoria ensues. At the last meeting, the board was deciding between **the 2nd and 3rd of March for potential dates.** Jacob says there may be a schedule conflict with the Mount Greylock spring musical, meaning most MTG JCLers would not be able to attend. **Anushree will get in contact with Mr. Joseph, the head of the Classics Department at Holy Cross College, for viable dates.**

Adjournment of Meeting:

Anushree adjourned the meeting at 2:07 P.M.

Upcoming Dates and Events:

MassJCL Board Meeting – <i>Sept. 23, 2017</i>	Praetoria – <i>March 2018 (TBD)</i>
Kickoff – <i>October 21, 2017</i>	MassJCL Board Meeting – <i>April 14, 2018</i>
MassJCL Board Meeting – <i>Nov. 4, 2017</i>	MassJCL State Convention – <i>April 27-29, 2018</i>
Classics Day – <i>Dec. 7, 2017</i>	
MassJCL Board Meeting – <i>Jan. 20, 2018</i>	