

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, January 26th, 2013
Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public High School

I. Call to Order 10:31 am

II. Attendance 10:31 am

Board Members:

Rahi Punjabi-	President	AMSA
Maddie Kilgannon-	1st Vice President	BLS
Katelin Marchand-	2nd Vice President	MTG
Jason Rowley-	Secretary	LUN
Emma McMahan-	Parliamentarian	BARN
Aaron Ziemer-	Treasurer	MTG
Ava Violich-	Historian	BLS
Joana Jankulla-	Publications Editor	BLA
Jeffrey Dubuisson-	Technical Coordinator	BLA

State Chairs:

Anne Nelson-	AKF
Nancy Sinacola-	AMSA
Tamara Bauer-	BARN
Janet Fillion-	BLA
Viet Luong-	BLA

Guests:

Salomi Kassini	AKF
Wesley Raczka-	AKF
Georgie Contreras-	BLA
Hanna Seariac-	AMSA
Katie Hodge-	AMSA
Sheri Hausey-	BLS
Victoria Wu-	BLS
Marjorie Keeley-	MTG

Absent:

Ava Violich-	Historian	BLS
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III. Reports 10:33 am

Treasurer: Aaron Ziemer

- Classics Day yielded around a \$3,000 profit after expenses.
- There is approximately \$8,000 in the MassJCL account.

Secretary: Jason Rowley

- The minutes from the November 18th meeting were sent to the Technical Coordinator and are now accessible on the website.
- Is currently typing the minutes, which are to be sent out for revision by tomorrow afternoon.
- A final draft of the minutes will be sent to the Technical Coordinator to be uploaded on the website on Saturday, February 2nd.

First Vice President: Maddie Kilgannon

Classics Day Recap:

- Requiring schools to return to the Large Ballroom after their first workshop session was effective when it was time for schools to travel to their second workshop session. Leading students to their workshops also worked effectively.
- There was great feedback on the lunch quality.
- Richard Thomas' workshop was extremely informative. He also donated the amount that MassJCL paid for his services as a donation.
- Franklin High School, Meridian Academy, and Notre Dame Academy all registered after the deadline even though they received the information at the same time as other schools. Burlington High School was not on the mailing sheet and had a justification for submitting their registration late.
- Each school needs to follow registration deadlines. This needs to be made clear to new MassJCL chapters. Deadlines need to be clearly stated on the mailing sheet. Overall, the communication between the board and new schools needs to be improved.
- Classics Day has been scheduled for a Friday next year. On Fridays there are fewer classes running and this will allow for more workshops to be run. There is a capacity for 700 attendees.
- The capacity needs to be included on the mailing sheet and registration will occur on a first come first serve basis. Schools will be turned down if capacity is reached before they register. This also needs to be made clear on the mailing sheet. There should be 50-100 seats reserved for new schools that are encouraged to attend.
- Tables should be assigned in advance and should be organized reasonably with the first to register assigned to the front tables. Teachers want it assigned so that they know where their students and they are supposed to be. The tables also need to have signs with the school's name written on them.
- It was hard for the First Vice President to tell the teachers that they could not attend when they registered late. Registration problems need to be anticipated and the First Vice President needs to have an adult backing him or her up to say no when they have to turn schools away. In the future, declining registration from late schools will be handled by a State Chair.

You tube Channel:

- The last video that was uploaded on the MassJCL You tube channel was from AMSA Certamen.
- Tell the members of you chapters to subscribe to the MassJCL You tube channel and encourage them to keep watching the videos.

- Send ideas for videos to the First Vice President.

Second Vice President: Katelin Marchand

Book Drive:

- The organization that she is sending the books to is Better World Books. Shipping the books is free.
- Only received books from two schools at Classics Day. Has received around 100 books.
- Sponsors need to be reminded about the book drive before State Convention. Students are not going to bring book donations to the Snowball.
- As long as the book is in good condition it will be accepted.

Coin Wars:

- Maddie Kilgannon is in first place, Joana Jankulla is in second place, Rahi Punjabi is in third.
- Thus far around \$242 has been collected.
- Continue to remind students about the coin war.

Publications Editor: Joanna Jankulla

Forum Factorum:

- The third issue of the Forum Factorum was distributed at Classics Day.
- Four issues are published every year, but she wants to publish more.
- The next issue needs to have colored pictures on the front. The next issue could be published with fewer pages to save money. It could also be emailed to the sponsor, who can then email it to their chapter's members. However, enough copies should be sent for the chapter's officers.
- The four winners of the creative writing contest had their pieces published in the first issue of the Forum Factorum this year. These pieces, along with the long list of scores required too many pages. One copy could be sent to each school where it could be copied at the chapter's expense.
- Lunenburg, the Advanced Math and Science Academy, and Mount Greylock submitted articles to be included in the Forum Factorum.
- Is unsure if she wants to send out a literary magazine.

Historian: Ava Violich

Scrapbook:

- The front cover is made out of balsa wood. She used a laser to cut the design. Is staining the front cover to preserve it from oils and damages.
- Is still working on the back cover, which depicts the modern ruins of Pompeii.
- Has not created the side because she is unsure of the size of the scrapbook.
- The table of contents should not be inside of the cover, but should be a separate page. It should not be the first page because it usually is damaged. The first page should be a title.
- Is planning to paint the inside cover with chalkboard paint and wants to draw graffiti with chalk. She wants to recreate the Pompeii graffiti or MassJCL graffiti.

Photographing Winners:

- There should be pictures of first place winners at each event.
- Unless it is well coordinated, then some winners will be missed.
- At State Convention the officers could have schedules on a white board and whoever does not have anything scheduled at the time of a contest could attend the contest and take photos of the first, second, and third place winners. It can not just be the Historian's responsibility.
- The pictures of the first, second, and third place winners could be put onto the website of for viewing.

Technical Coordinator: Jeffrey Dubuisson

Website:

- The Certamen page has the questions from all of the certamen matches held this year except for the Berkshire Bowl and the Northeastern Elite Certamen. The Berkshire Bowl needs to be included in a different section of certamen.
- Is accepting color suggestions for the website.
- The State Convention packet is available on the form section of the website.
- Every event from this year has its own recap page.
- Links to all the MassJCL chapters have been fixed.
- The banner photo on the website needs to be changed to a photo of the attendees of Classics Day from the staircase.
- Is going to keep archiving information he received from Artem and is planning to add a photo gallery.
- An article from the Forum Factorum could be posted on the featured section of the website. Photos, videos, and coin war statistics could also be posted on the website.
- Media page for You tube videos, artwork from the graphic arts competition, and bar graphs for the coin wars. Videos submitted by schools for the school video contest could also be put on the media page. Both BLA and AMSA have many videos on their websites that could be moved to the MassJCL media page.
- The website server was almost full and he requested a larger server space and the server size was double.

Parliamentarian: Emma McMahon

Candidate's Newsletter:

- Is planning to send out a newsletter to inform potential candidates about positions on the Executive Board.
- All the officers on the Executive Board will have to answer three questions about their position. She is planning to email the questions to the officers soon.
- The newsletter will be sent to the sponsors so that they know what the responsibilities of each officer are. Do not know the small stuff.

- The email of each officer should be listed on the bottom so that candidates with questions can email the officer that the question applies to.
- The Candidates Newsletter could be uploaded on the website so that it can be easily accessible.
- Anything to be sent to the sponsors needs to be sent to the State Chairs first. Also send the email to yourself.

Chairs: Anne Nelson, Janet Fillion, Nancy Sinacola, Viet Luong, Tamara Bauer

Outstanding Payments from Chapters:

- Ms. Bauer has been counting money and depositing that money in the bank.
- The NJCL keeps track of the chapters that join from our state this year with membership numbers. Have to be consistent when people have not paid.
- Ms. Bauer has forwarded responses to various emails to members of the national committee so that they can help deal with these problems.
- If schools do not want to continue to be members they may have dues refunded and will no longer have previous privileges.
- Some schools collect the dues so the students can join the Latin Honors Society. That school decided that it was not going to pay their MassJCL dues.
- Holyoke and Franklin have both promised to pay their national dues.
- Notre Dame has not responded to any of Ms. Bauer's emails.
- Pentucket, Burlington, and Acton-Boxboro have not paid JCL dues but came to Classics Day.
- Ms. Bauer moves that chapters that have debts to either MassJCL or NJCL are not allowed to register or attend future JCL events until their debts to both are paid. Maddie Kilgannon seconds this motion. The motion passes and chapters that have debts to either MassJCL or NJCL will not be in good standing and will not be allowed to attend future JCL events.
- If chapters that have not paid both MassJCL and NJCL debts mail in registration, then their registration will not be accepted **until** they pay their debts. Chapters need to be a member of MassJCL and NJCL to come to MassJCL events.
- Before the Snowball and State Convention a State Chair will email a member of the National Committee and check if each chapter has paid their NJCL dues.
- A State Chair should email the sponsor of each chapter that has state and national debts to remind him or her that these debts need to be paid in order for that chapter to attend both the Snowball and State Convention.
- However, chapters that have not paid debts to MassJCL and NJCL will be allowed to attend certamen tournaments because they are not administrated by the MassJCL.
- The wording of the certamen tournament participation point rule is awkward and needs to be changed in the future. Presently the rule states "If a chapter is new to a certamen tournament...", but the rule should state

“If a new chapter attends a certamen tournament that they have never attended...”.

- Marlborough is a new chapter that needs to be informed about MassJCL.

IV. Snowball

11:47am

Attendance:

- There is enough space for a maximum of 220 attendees.
- She is unsure of the total number of attendees because today was the deadline for registration.
- Has already paid the down payment. The total is \$1500 without the cost of food, which fluctuates with the number of attendees.
- Needs to call and ask about hiring a police officer or a security guard for safety.
- She is unsure of the chaperone to student ratio for each chapter. A ratio of 25 students to 1 chaperone should be sufficient.
- There should be chaperones from a variety of schools that are clear on the dancing policy. It is not fair for the State Chairs to shout at students for three hours. If some of these chaperones are parents, then they need to be comfortable telling students what is not allowed.
- In the future there needs to be a set ratio for the number of student to adults.
- On the registration sheet students can register without their sponsor being aware.

Decorations:

- The only decorations that need to be purchased are table decorations because of the setup of the rented rooms. If wall decorations are purchased, then it will ruin the nature of the decor.
- Is going to buy a new cardboard tree for attendees to sign like last year. A picture of this tree could be displayed on the MassJCL website. Would AVA be ok with taking pictures or should the officers take turn taking picture.
- Ms. Luong has gold beads that could be placed on tables.
- Gold and purple masks could be available on the tables.

Photo Booth:

- A photo booth is not necessary because of the exquisite beauty of the Harvard Club. There should be areas set aside for taking nice pictures.
- Would Ava Violich be okay with taking pictures during the Snowball or should the officers take turn taking pictures?
- Both Katelin Marchand and Maddie Kilgannon have nice masks that could be used for taking nice pictures.

V. NJCL Officer Candidate

12:15 pm

- A qualified candidate for national office was chosen by a unanimous vote.

- VI. State T-Shirt Design 12:19 pm
- There were state t-shirt submissions from BLA, AKF, BLS, AMSA, and MTG. Representatives from each school explained the t-shirt.
 - After the first round of voting the top three t-shirts were decided. These shirts were: AKF, BLA, and AMSA.
 - After the second round of voting the submission from AKF was chosen as the first place winner of the state t-shirt.
 - After the third round of voting AMSA’s t-shirt submission was voted as the second place winner, and BLA was voted as the third place winner.
 - The color of the t-shirt was discussed.
- VII. Lunch 12:25 pm
- VIII. Constitutional Amendments 1:26 pm
- Changes:
- Article IV: Officers and State Chairs
Section III: Restrictions
- A.
- Current clause:*
1. A chapter may not hold the same elected office for successive terms.
- Proposed clause:*
1. A chapter may not hold the same elected office for more than two successive terms.
- If a student is qualified for a position they should not be limited because the previous student that held that position was from their school.
 - This change would allow potential candidates to plan an extra year in advance.
 - Small chapter may be afraid of domination, but if this change is explained well then they may see how it is beneficial to all students.
 - There is debate over the best wording of this change. Should it be worded as “A chapter may not hold the same elected office for more than two successive terms” or “A chapter may hold the same elected office for up to two successive terms”?
 - Aaron Ziemer moves that this change be proposed to delegates at the Amendments meeting held at State Convention. Emma McMahon seconds this movement. The movement passes and the Board votes to propose the wording of “A chapter may not hold the same elected office for more than two successive terms” with six voting for this wording and two voting for “A chapter may hold the same elected office for up to two successive terms”.

Additions:

Article IV: Officers and State Chairs

Section IV: Elections

D.

1. Host school materials may not be used to create candidate campaign materials.

- On the sheet to sign up for candidacy there should be a sentence that says that candidates are not allowed to use the host school's materials.
- On the door to the room with the copy machine there should be a sign that says students are not allowed to use the copy machine. Sponsors need the copy machine to make copies of rubrics. If the copy machine breaks, then MassJCL will end up replacing it.
- If there is a State of Emergency then poster board can be sold at the concession stand for a set price that will be included in their \$20 campaign expenses. The State Chairs will buy poster board if they know there is a State of Emergency.
- It is not necessary to have an amendment passed for this, but candidates and sponsors need to be informed ahead of time. The Board decides not to propose this change to the delegates at the State Convention.

Article V: Duties of Executive Board Members

Section IV: Removal from Board

E.

Any person removed from office may no longer have any future claim on their previous title, and may not use their previous title on any future documentation.

1. If any officer is found to have been derelict in their duties after their term of office has ended, the Executive Board may vote to remove their title. This former officer must comply with Section V, Article E.

- If an officer has not done their duties, then they should not be allowed to claim that they did.
- Jeffrey Dubuisson moves to propose this addition to the delegates at the State Convention. Maddie Kilgannon seconds the movement. The Board unanimously votes for this addition to be proposed to the delegates at the State Convention.

IX. State Convention

1:54 pm

Schedule:

- Rahi Punjabi sent out State Convention packets to all the sponsors and the packet is also available on the website.
- Rahi Punjabi also revised what Ms. Luong brought up at the last Executive Board meeting. Olympika no longer conflicts with certamen and there are

no General Assemblies on Friday. They don't want kids in the hotel with the special tubs. The officers should be in rooms next to each other. Curfew is earlier.

- On Saturday the schedule was pushed forward 30 minutes. Swimming Olympika is now scheduled to start at 6:30 am instead of 6:00am.
- The officers need to have rooms that are next to each other in the hotel.
- There are places in town that State Chairs can order sandwiches for the officer's lunches and dinners. These sandwiches can be stored in the cave so the officers can eat when they have the time. MassJCL officers are not going to be included in the food count and are not allowed to eat in the cafeteria.

Goody Bags:

- The drawstring bags that were distributed last year were a better quality than the bags that were distributed two years.
- Last year the rubber ducks were extremely popular both at State Convention and National Convention.
- There should be water bottles instead of coffee canisters this year.
- The MassJCL sticky notes and MassJCL pens should be included again this year.
- This year magnet letters for Latin words will be included. MassJCL themed mechanical pencils can also be included for testing.
- Has the cover design of the agenda. The photo for the agenda cover is connected with the costume contest characters.

Entertainment:

- The same hypnotist that preformed at State Convention at AKF was hired to perform at State Convention this year.

X. Other Business

2:05 pm

Pioneer Institute:

- The program also teaches the value of the classics in education and wants to present something to school teachers. Students enrolled in Latin or Greek could do recitations of poems in this presentation.
- This program would probably only be appealing for Latin teachers who already know the value of the classics.
- The main task of this program should be to make administration of schools aware of the classics. Guidance councilors also.
- The presenter should probably sign up to be in a larger presentation so that the attendance can be maximized.

Living Latin:

- Is a program in which the participants spend 2 weeks during July in Rome speaking and reading Latin.
- Participants also visit architectural sights during their stay.
- Spread the word to students.

Jason Rowley moves to adjourn the meeting
Katelin Marchand seconds the movement

XI. Adjournment

2:17 pm