

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES FOR FOURTH MEETING | BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL (ROOM 114)
NOVEMBER 15, 2014 -- A.D. XVII KAL. DEC. A.U.C. MMDCLXVII

Board Members Present:

Connie Chang	President	BLS
Julia Pan	1 st Vice President	BLS
Hanna Seariac	2 nd Vice President	AMSA
Linda Qin	Publications Editor	BLS
Veena Lagare	Historian	BLA
Dalena Nguyen	Technical Coordinator	BLA

State Chairs:

Tamara Bauer		At-Large
Janet Fillion		BLA
Anne Nelson		AKF

Guests:

Ada Chai	BLSJCL Historian	BLS
Catherine Foley	Teacher/BLSJCL Sponsor	BLS
Michael Gao	BLSJCL Publications Editor	BLS
William Gao	BLSJCL Webmaster	BLS
Sherilyn Hausey	Teacher/BLSJCL Sponsor	BLS
Allyson Ping	BLSJCL Publicity Director	BLS
Daniel Sherman	BLSJCL Secretary	BLS

Regrets:

Abena Oworae	Secretary	AKF
Mary Abrahamyan	Treasurer	AMSA
Daniel Packer	Parliamentarian	MTG
Viet Luong	State Chair	BLA
Nancy Sinacola	State Chair	At-Large

Highlights:

1. Kick-Off was generally successful. The Board points to several areas in Kick-Off's administration that could be improved upon next year: creation of Certamen teams, maps and providing directions to workshops and events, lack of awareness of Clark Art Museum, entertainment after hula hoop exercising, and safety measures at the Catapultae et Ballistae Contest.
2. MassJCL will make a greater attempt this year to inform prospectively interested parties about the Talent Show at Snowball by increasing advertisements of the event and contacting those people who have tried out for or participated in the Talent Show or That's Entertainment in previous years.
3. Publicity points will be awarded to schools depending on how many of their members are following MassJCL on Facebook and Twitter.
4. The Board has created a Social Media Committee, tasked with presiding over and updating all of MassJCL's social media accounts to cultivate the institution's online presence.

5. The Technical Coordinator will work to improve the accessibility of important JCL forms by adding hyperlinks to the home page of the MassJCL website.
6. Most of the website has been updated. The Technical Coordinator must upload new flyers, Certamen questions from Yale, information on Kick-Off, SPQM Minutes, and running totals of the number of people in each chapter and the total number of points each chapter has earned.
7. The Historian is making progress on the compilation of the Massachusetts Scrapbook. The Historian is also given permission to post her photographs on the MassJCL Facebook account as well as the Flickr account, if it is revived.
8. The next edition of the *Forum Factorum* will be submitted for proofreading by November 24. It takes approximately 7 business days to print the magazines.
9. The MassJCL account contains \$6,852.88 as of November 15.
10. States this year will be structured similarly to Nationals in respect to Spirit. Each day will have a specific theme. Saturday's theme is Rockin' Romans. Sunday's theme is Clam Chowda Classics.
11. Snowball/Midnight Masquerade will be held on March 21 at the Boston Commons Hotel. This year, MassJCL will emphasize that the event does not only feature dancing, but also games. It is meant as an entertaining way to spend one's Saturday night.
12. Hanna encourages spotlighting JCLers from small MassJCL chapters who have contributed significantly to community service.
13. The deadline last year of March 15 for many competitions has been changed to April 1. The affected competitions include: Multimedia, Newsletter, Publicity, Promotional Video, Bonus Points Memorabilia, Candidacy Nomination, Creative Writing, NJCL Scholarship, and Website Contest.
14. The President and Second Vice President will change their respective organizations for Coin Wars in order to eliminate any potential conflicts of interest.
15. In the coming months, the officers plan to create over 10 educational and entertaining videos for the MassJCL YouTube Channel in order to instruct, inform, and inspire the general JCL population.
16. Currently, 591 people from 20 different schools are attending Classics Day. The large number of attendants and the diversity of schools represented demonstrate the First Vice President's success in organizing and publicizing Classics Day.
17. In order to decrease the confusion that was experienced last year at Classics Day, the map detailing where all the workshops' rooms are located in BU will be redrawn and copied into the program, which every attendant receives. The program will also include a schedule and any other critical information so that all attendants have all the necessary details about where they need to be and when.
18. The winner of Coin Wars will no longer have a pie shoved in his/her face. Instead, the winner and loser will engage in a rap battle.
19. The First Vice President is organizing honoraria to give the professors at Classics Day and gifts to bestow upon BU Classics Department coordinators who are making this event possible.
20. The attendance price for the 2015 State Convention, which is being held at the Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center, is \$170 per person.
21. Specific decisions made regarding States are as follows: No outside food is allowed in the hotel. If pizza must be introduced from the local pizza stores of Sturbridge, the hotel will regulate its distribution and charge consumers accordingly. All State Convention participants,

- who wish to swim in the pool, must sign special release forms. In order to maintain a safe and appropriate setting, law enforcement will be present at the Dance and will monitor students' actions. MassJCL will introduce workshops into the State Convention schedule in order to provide people with the opportunity to use their free time productively. These workshops will provide a wonderful additional educational component to State Convention.
22. BLSJCL will purchase a karaoke machine, which it will lend to MassJCL at States and Kick-Off. This purchase will reduce MassJCL's expenses dramatically and also benefit BLSJCL itself.
 23. The next MassJCL Board meeting is scheduled for February 21 and will be held at the Northborough Library.

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting 9:43 A.M.

9:43 – Connie calls the meeting to order.

II. Kick-Off Review 9:43 A.M.

- 9:43 – The time from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Kick-Off was designated for Registration. Mary was present for this part of Kick-Off; however, as she is not present at the meeting, the difficulties or successes of Kick-Off Registration cannot be discussed.
- 9:44 – From 10:30 to 11:30, the Opening Assembly introduced attendees to Kick-Off and the events hosted there. Subsequently, the Yellow Submarine Improv Troupe, led by Connie Chang, made a performance, which was very well received and enjoyed by most participants. Ms. Bauer remarks on the constant laughter of the audience. The Board and all other guests at the meeting give Connie a round of applause for the Improv Troupe's excellent performance.
- 9:45 – Some participants at Kick-Off suggested that Linda and Veena stand on an elevated platform during the opening assembly.
- 9:45 – Some of the officers confirm that wearing red clothing at Kick-Off was a coordinated effort, proposed on Facebook.
- 9:46 – From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the 1st Certamen Scrimmage was held. Hanna comments on the lack of pre-constructed teams. Instead, teams have to be created during the Opening Assembly and Improvisational Entertainment period between 10:30 and 11:30. This small period of time puts great stress on those creating the teams. To eliminate these problems, Hanna suggests that instead of teams, people play individually against one another. While not advocating the one-on-one style of Certamen, Dr. Nelson says that the true problem that must be solved is the inefficiency of sorting through the cards, on which individuals indicate their names and subject specialties, to create teams comprised of people with diverse knowledge backgrounds. If this issue were solved, creating teams would be easier. The great amount of time consumed by Dr. Nelson and Ms. Sinacola could be reduced if the cards were color coded according to the several Certamen subject areas. However, there are obvious logistical difficulties in coordinating various color-coded cards. It is suggested that officers could aid in the creation of teams, but this presents complications as well. Hanna, furthermore, expresses the problem of her mispronunciation of names of people supposed to be playing Certamen. Although the names were posted this year, perhaps, next year, multiple postings could be set up and in more conspicuous locations. In the end, no formal decision is made on a way to

better facilitate the formation of teams and the dissemination of that information to Certamen players. However, it seems that the team aspect itself of Kick-Off Certamen will be maintained.

- 9:48 – The 11:30 to 12:30 block also featured Hanna’s service workshop. On this note, Hanna states that many people did not know where to go for the workshops, despite the signs. Hanna told them “it was to the right.” It is suggested that we distribute maps of the school showing specific rooms designated for workshops. However, no students are allowed to enter these rooms without the presence of an adult. For this reason, rooms were locked after Certamen rounds until they were used again for another purpose, such as workshops.
- 9:49 – From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., students were allowed to visit the Clark Art Museum. During this time, the Marshmallow Catapult Contest was also held. Ms. Bauer as well as other teachers acted as docents. Ms. Bauer praises Ms. Burns for staying after other docents had left and continuing to guide people around the museum. Everything went very well.
- 9:51 – The Clark Art Museum is a nice event for both students and teachers, for it displays the artistic aspects of history, a subject that is so often merely taught through words and diagrams and not through the artistic vestiges of the past. Ms. Foley opines that MassJCL should advertise what pieces are displayed in this museum to increase popular turnout, since many individuals are probably unaware of the interesting works inside.
- 9:52 – Connie, Dalena, and Linda were present for the Marshmallow Catapult Contest. The only problem with the competition was the abundance of leaves, which somewhat hindered the freedom with which participants could launch their sugary projectiles.
- 9:53 – From 11:30 to 1:45, lunch was available. Hanna says that it was really good. Ms. Hausey, recalling the complaints of last year regarding the provided sandwiches, asks if those culinary issues were resolved this year. It seems that the sandwiches, ostensibly, did not change; however, the sides that were offered boosted the palatability of the entire meal, resulting in a better reception this year than that of last year.
- 9:54 – From 1:30 to 3:00, the 2nd Certamen Scrimmage was held as well as the Hula Hoop Contest. It is widely agreed that the Hula Hoop Contest and other subsequent playful activities need music. Music tends to drive off ennui and can also encourage informal dancing, an exercise that could be integrated into the mix of hula hoop and worm activities. Hanna indicates that most people do not know what to do after two rounds of hula hoop exercises and two rounds of human-worm racing. Dancing is a logical concluding pastime. To facilitate this extemporaneous recreation, Hanna created an impromptu sound system by synchronizing her laptop and portable digital device such that they played the same song simultaneously and thus increased the sound output. Ms. Fillion applauds Hanna for her creativity and ingenuity.
- 9:55 – Ms. Foley suggests adding an educational component to the dancing at Kick-Off whereby participants can learn different dance styles, such as shuffling.
- 9:55 – The meeting of the *Senatus Populusque Massachusettsensis* (SPQM) took place during the 1:30 to 3:00 time block. Abena took the Minutes to this meeting. They must be shared with the rest of the Board and subsequently uploaded onto the MassJCL website.
- 9:56 – The Talent Show, which is held at Snowball (Midnight Masquerade), is now briefly discussed. Hanna thinks that the Talent Show should be publicized more extensively than it has been in prior years. Last year, the Talent Show was not even advertised as an event until BLS Certamen on February 8. Julia indicates that smaller schools, many of which do not have a representative or representatives on the Board, are often unaware of the Talent Show. Therefore, the sponsors of these smaller JCL chapters should be informed especially. Unfortunately, sponsors do not always communicate with the JCLers of their school. Thus,

students should be contacted or informed directly via social media platforms, predominantly emails, Twitter, Facebook, and/or Instagram. In addition, people who participated in or tried out for That's Entertainment at States should also be contacted and informed about the Snowball Talent Show, for it serves as an excellent training ground for the more elite competition of That's Entertainment.

- 9:58 – On a general note, Ms. Fillion inquires as to the popularity of the MassJCL Facebook page. According to the Board, only members of the BLS and AMSA JCL chapters ever look at it. Yet, the Facebook page is one of the key ways that information about events, such as the Talent Show, becomes well known by the JCL community. Therefore, additional means of communication and advertisement must be used as supplements to Facebook, which Allyson says has become obsolete. MassJCL event updates can be sent to the emails of all JCL members that the officers have, especially those who attend the smaller schools that are less directly informed about decisions and events. Connie suggests creating a document that includes all the emails of sponsors and students to whom event announcements, such as that of the Talent Show, should be sent.
- 10:01 – Hanna says that she does update the MassJCL Twitter account weekly and 100 people currently follow it. However, the issue is not updating MassJCL social media accounts, but getting people to follow them. In order to cultivate greater popular involvement in and following of MassJCL, Ms. Hausey suggests that schools can acquire publicity points in the Whole School Competition at States depending on how many members they have following the JCL Twitter account. Such an encouragement would help to further extend MassJCL's sphere of influence into the realm of social media. However, Linda states that large schools, with many JCLers, could easily monopolize this system. It is suggested that there should be a capping number of points. It is still MassJCL's social media goal to have as many people as possible from as many schools as possible following the organization, but the limited number of publicity points available will curb the monopolistic gains of large schools. The number of followers that MassJCL has on Twitter is also helping our own publicity campaign when we create a publicity binder for Nationals.
- 10:04 – Ms. Hausey suggests that people sign up on computers at Classics Day to follow MassJCL on Twitter, Facebook, *et cetera*.
- 10:05 – Dr. Nelson returns, now, to the specific subject of the Talent Show and of spreading information about it to a large portion of JCL. She suggests that Flyers for the event be distributed at Classics Day.
- 10:06 – A discussion ensues about similarities and differences between the National and State methods of judging publicity. Last year, Julia indicates that she and Jeffrey Dubuisson merely decided which school's publicity was best, and they were not stringent on assigning specific numbers of points. Allyson declares that Nationals judges publicity quantitatively. Thus, its contest regulations do not place limits on the number of points a state may gain for certain competitions, such as posters.
- 10:07 – Allyson suggests that MassJCL publicity be recorded with an Excel spreadsheet, which includes all the point values for each event done. Excel tallies all the points and creates a sum value. She uses this approach for BLSJCL.
- 10:07 – Ms. Fillion suggests that a committee of people, which is not exclusively comprised of MassJCL officers, be created in order to manage a new Facebook account.
- 10:09 – Further justification for the formation of a Facebook/Twitter/Social Media Committee lies in the already established YouTube Committee, which has set a precedent for committees that deal with digital matters.

10:10 – It is decided that Julia, Hanna, Veena, and Linda will be part of the Social Media Committee. Ms. Foley will act as an adult manager and liaison to supervise this committee's decisions and actions. However, more people, who are not officers but have an interest in social media, can be added gradually.

10:11 – It is briefly mentioned as a note for the future that the MassJCL Contest Rulebook needs to be updated.

10:11 – Returning to the subject of Kick-Off, Linda's Publications Workshop went swimmingly.

10:12 – From 2:30 to 3:30 the Catapultae et Ballistae Contest was held. The main grievance with this event, as Connie explains, was that some members of BLACC came to the front area where the actual military machines were located. This unsafe act raises clear liability issues. Connie, responsibly, made them leave the area. The Board asks the meeting guests about the quality of the audience's perspective. William Gao says that it was enjoyable, but a louder countdown would serve to better alert audience members to when the catapults are being launched. Although music is suggested, there is no outlet, and the idea is quickly dismissed.

10:13 – The contest results are as follows:

- Participation Points – **Ballista (arrow shooter):** AKF, BLA, BLS, Mount Greylock
 - 1st place – Classical Magnet School, CT
 - 2nd place – BLS
 - 3rd place – BLA
 - 4th place – MTG
 - 5th place – AKF
- Participation Points – **Trebuchet (catapult):** AKF, BLS, Franklin, Mount Greylock
 - 1st place – Mount Greylock
 - 2nd place – Franklin
 - 3rd place – BLS
 - 4th place – AKF
- Participation Points – **Marshmallow Shooter:** AKF, BLS, BLA, Taconic HS, NDA, Montrose
 - 1st place – Taconic High School
 - 2nd place – Boston Latin Academy (Sonny Diep), same student
 - 3rd place – Boston Latin Academy (Sonny Diep), same student as above
 - 3rd place – Montrose School
 - 4th place – Montrose School
 - 5th place – Montrose School
 - 6th place – BLA
 - 7th place – NDA
 - 8th place – BLS
 - 9th place – BLA
 - 10th place – BLA
 - 11th place – AKF
 - 12th place – Lyndon Institute
- **Best Name**
 - 1st place – Cic-arrow: BLS
 - 2nd place – Om Nom Nominative: Franklin
 - 3rd place – Mon Trojan: Montrose School

10:14 – From 3:30 to 4:00, the Closing Assembly wrapped up the event and provided awards to people for Certamen. In this way, both members of small and large chapters are recognized for their accomplishments.

III. Officer Reports

10:37 A.M.

Technical Coordinator – Dalena Nguyen

10:15 – Dalena informs the Board that all exams, resources, games (e.g. Roman emperor version of the popular 2048), and forms have been uploaded onto the MassJCL website. In addition, the website provides links to all the individual JCL chapters' websites. As stated above, Minutes for SPQM have not yet been uploaded. Furthermore, all known upcoming events have been uploaded to the calendar.

10:16 – Hanna mentions that the flyer, which includes the dates of Certamen competitions from last year, is not properly linked to the website. When an attempt is made to access this document, a 404 error appears.

10:17 – Ms. Fillion declares her grievances with the home page of the website. She says that it is not helpful. Her primary criticisms lay in the absence of a clear way to be directed to important forms. She argues that one should not have to scroll down to see the most recent documents posted on the website. She wants there to be hyperlinks conspicuously located so that visitors to the website may more easily access documents, for which they are searching. These hyperlinks must be included on the top of the website, perhaps where it currently reads, "Click here to go to to [sic] the old MassJCL website." Ms. Fillion believes that people should not have to scroll down the home page to find forms. A principal document, for example, which should be included on the home page, is the JCL registration form.

10:18 – In addition to the inclusion of SPQM Minutes, Dalena will upload the Certamen questions from Yale as PDF documents. She must also include informational updates regarding Kick-Off. When the new Coin Wars is created, Dalena will also upload this file to the website.

10:19 – Dalena also would like the information concerning the total up-to-date populations of each MassJCL chapter. Ms. Bauer will inform Dalena of these figures at a later date. When Ms. Bauer sends sponsors letters of receipt (for the registration checks), she can ask the sponsors of each chapter about their websites and populations. This communication will also act as a reminder to chapter Webmasters, who have not yet sent Dalena the links to their websites, to do so before the State Website Competition.

10:20 – Under the Info tab is a subsection termed Links. Here Dalena has included all the links to the MassJCL chapters' websites, which she has received.

10:21 – Dalena has registered MassJCL for the NCJL Website Contest. Hanna says that NJCL is already accepting currency points, although its website states that they will be accepted starting December 1. Currency points are awarded to websites, which continually update their material with current events and information.

10:22 – At this time, three schools (BLS, BLA, and Mt. Greylock) have submitted their websites into the State Website Competition.

10:23 – Dalena suggests that the MassJCL website feature previous T-shirt designs. Connie thinks this is a good idea.

10:24 – Dr. Nelson suggests that the website also include running point totals for all the schools. For example, the points acquired by each school from the Catapultae et Ballistae Contest at Kick-Off are added to a running total. In this way, schools constantly know their position with respect to other schools. Such knowledge naturally will foster competition.

10:25 – Dr. Nelson sent an email to the Board and Chairs regarding participation points and those schools, which receive them. These points must also be factored into the running totals. Ms. Fillion will tally all the available point values at this time, most or all of which come from Kick-Off competitions (Marshmallow, Catapult, and Ballista) and participation in these events. She will then email the Board, and Dalena will subsequently include the figures on the website.

10:27 – It is confirmed that the names of the marshmallow catapult teams do not count toward points.

Historian – Veena Lagare

10:28 – Veena says that the paper for the Scrapbook is good. She needs only to develop the photographs. However, she wants to know if she can post her pictures on the MassJCL Facebook account, for the pictures are technically property of MassJCL, although Veena herself took them. The Board agrees that she can post her photographs on Facebook especially now that MassJCL will have a new Facebook account, governed by JCL.

10:29 – The Flickr account, which is designed to store photographs, is mentioned; however, its dormant status at this time drives its dismissal as a possibility. Although, it has not been used reportedly since 2005, there are plans to revitalize it.

10:30 – Veena encourages all officers and any other willing JCL members to donate any pertinent items to the Scrapbook, and these items may be included depending on their merit.

Publications Editor – Linda Qin

10:30 – The production of the next *Forum Factorum* is in progress. Linda plans to submit it for proofreading on Monday, November 24, to Ms. Bauer. It will take approximately 7 business days to print the magazines.

10:31 – Linda will send this edition of the *Forum Factorum* once completed to the judges at NJCL.

10:31 – The number of physical copies made is determined by taking a fraction of the number of JCL members in all of the Massachusetts schools. The exact number has not yet been determined, but twenty extra copies must be printed, ten of which Linda receives and ten of which Ms. Bauer takes. The latter shares the *Forum Factorum* with classics professors of the Massachusetts Classical Association, for which she acts as a liaison. This distribution is, in fact, critical, for it allows these teachers to learn of the activities of the Junior Classical League. They are all impressed with the successes of the club. Last year, there were reportedly 150 extra copies made which is an unnecessary expense. This surplus will be avoided this year.

10:34 – Linda wants to contact the Publication Editors of other schools, and so she asks the Chairs if they have a more professional way of contacting them than scouring the Internet in search of contact information. The teachers do provide Ms. Bauer with emails of the school officers, and Ms. Bauer can put Linda in touch with the newsletter producers in each of the schools.

Parliamentarian – Daniel Packer

10:34 – Dan does not want to discuss anything without being present at the meeting. He does, however, send an email to Connie at 12:04 p.m. The email states that the Board should hold a vote regarding the conflicts of interest in the Coin Wars charity selections. The Board must vote to either (1) leave the charity selections as they are, or (2) recognize that there are conflicts of interest and replace the organizations, to which the conflicts of interest apply. The Board does discuss the matter beginning at Minute 12:01. Please refer to Minutes 12:01 to 12:08 for the discussion and subsequent decision on the matter.

Treasurer – Mary Abrahamyan

10:35 – Although not present, Mary's report is still heard by the Board, as she sent it to Connie via email. Its contents are as follows: Ms. Bauer made many deposits on November 10 and

MassJCL gained over \$1,000. As of November 15, the MassJCL account boasts \$6,280.88, which figure includes the most recent deposits. MassJCL has made \$2,112 from State dues. An additional \$2,230 was made from the registration fees of attending Kick-Off. As of November 15, only the Woodward School has submitted a deposit for Classics Day and their payment totaled \$320. According to Henry Tsang's records of the 2013-2014 MassJCL fiscal year, Classics Day income amounted to \$10,053. Thus, Classics Day's economic importance cannot be overstated.

10:37 – Ms. Bauer also just made a deposit, which brings the account balance to \$6,852.88.

10:38 – It was recently discovered that all the ribbons, which are given as prizes at State Convention, read “Barnstable High School.” As States will not be hosted by Barnstable this year, but rather at the Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center, new ribbons must be purchased with no place names written on them. Having generic ribbons will ensure that MassJCL can continue to use them regardless of changes in venue for future State Conventions. For now, the ordering of these new nonspecific ribbons will probably be an expense of a few hundred dollars.

10:39 – MassJCL currently owes Barnstable High School no money. **All** formerly outstanding bills have been paid.

Second Vice President – Hanna Seariac

10:40 – Hanna presents her spirit plans for States. Unlike previous years, when the Spirit Competition was primarily based on schools' performance during the Toga Parade on Sunday, this year the Spirit Contest will emulate Spirit at Nationals, which features different spirit themes every day. Hanna says that the spirit themes for Saturday and Sunday will be Rockin' Romans and Clam Chowda Classics respectively. Toga Parade will still be held on Sunday.

10:41 – On account of this change in format, the rubric for the Spirit Competition has been changed to include a category for schools' adherence to the selected themes. However, rubric remains the same in other aspects, such as how many points are allocated for the previously included rubric criteria. For example, the level of spirit displayed by JCLers at the Toga Parade is still being judged according to established methods and point system.

10:41 – Ms. Bauer originally cautions the Board about the inevitability of loud cheering disturbing the other hotel guests. However, Connie confirms that the hotel is booked exclusively to MassJCL.

10:42 – As part of the new spirit plans, schools must create props that represent the daily themes. Ms. Fillion expresses her concern that schools will have to spend too much money to create usable and polished props; however, Hanna says that she is encouraging schools to use recycled materials to construct their props. Recycled or reused materials are not only less expensive, but demonstrate MassJCL's adherence to environmentally beneficial policies, which are gaining increasing public support. For example, BLS could create a sign, on which old clam chowder cans are arranged to spell B-L-S, thus showing a compliance with the Clam Chowda theme on Sunday. She will set a specific price budget.

10:43 – Hanna publicized this information at her service workshop at Kick-Off, but not all the Spirit Coordinators of the MassJCL chapters were able to attend this workshop. Although some later discussed the changes with Hanna independently, Hanna will distribute flyers at Classics Day as well as announce it verbally.

10:44 – Ms. Bauer departs to pick up sandwiches.

- 10:45 – The Letters to Soldiers community service event is going well. Ms. Foley will send a picture of the letters, which her 8th grade students have written, to Hanna, but she will send the physical copies of the letters to the organizers of the event.
- 10:45 – Snowball and Midnight Masquerade have been scheduled for March 21. Although 13 different venues were contacted, the least expensive place happened to be the location where Snowball was held last year – the Boston Commons Hotel. They have offered us the same price, the same room, and the same organization of this room. Hanna is currently getting the contract.
- 10:46 – The Board briefly discusses the food options at Snowball. Julia comments that the pizza was really nice, but overall the food was heavy. It is suggested that Snowball provides Italian pastries, Italian cookies, and some elements of Southern cuisine. Papa Gino’s “finger foods” are suggested as well as pizza and calzones from Gennaro’s Eatery. Ms. Foley recommends BJ’s, but this suggestion is dismissed on account a particular rule that states that a caterer must oversee the culinary matters.
- 10:47 – As was mentioned earlier in the meeting, those who must be contacted for the Talent Show include those who went last year, those who tried out for or were accepted to That’s Entertainment, and any other interested parties from large and especially small schools. It is advocated by some members of the Board and ultimately agreed that the microphone be kept open to all people who decide to perform, sing, or speak extemporaneously. People’s impulsive tendencies can sometimes serve them. If so, then this select group of individuals will gain valuable performance experience, which could provide the necessary boost of morale that may direct them to That’s Entertainment.
- 10:48 – Hanna also indicates that not everyone enjoys dancing. In order to attract more JCL members to the event, she advocates having an area exclusively for games and the inevitable socializing that follows such amusements. Board games, which are related to the Latin language or Rome, flash cards, and even simple and popular board games will fill this area and provide a sanctuary to those, who are uninterested in dancing but still wish to enjoy Saturday evening. Hanna even has a game called Cardtamen, which is essentially a card-based version of competitive Certamen, whereby questions are written on cards and they must be answered as quickly as possible. Snowball should be advertised not as a dance, but as a social gathering that features both dancing and playing games.
- 10:49 – Emulating the murder mystery event at Nationals, the Board suggests adding a mock-sinister element to Snowball: a Midnight Massacre, a play on the original title, Midnight Masquerade. This murder at the dance would be announced unexpectedly, and then transition into an interrogation where suspects give scripted answers to the questions posed by a detective.
- 10:50 – Hanna will start creating advertisements for the event, which promote the added elements introduced this year. In addition to these promotional attempts, Hanna encourages all the Board members to email or phone or contact in anyway feasible all JCL members they know, who might be interested in attending Snowball and/or participating in the Talent Show there.
- 10:51 – It is suggested that Veena act as the photographer at this event in order to eliminate the costs of hiring an independent photographer, but eventually it is decided that hiring an independent photographer would be fairer to Veena, who may want to enjoy the event.
- 10:52 – Furthermore, last year presented some issues with admission into Snowball. Originally, officers were supposed to have one-hour long shifts when they take tickets from people and admit them into the event. However, there was difficulty enforcing this rule last year, and

consequently Hanna and Amol were forced to stay at their position for two and half hours. In order to solve these organizational issues, Hanna wants a new enforceable schedule with very specific shifts for specific people. On this note, tickets cost \$15. The price is \$20 if participants buy at the door. There will be a Ticket Raffle at Classics Day for the chance to win a free ticket at Midnight Masquerade. Participants will sign their name on a sheet to enter. Julia, as 1st Vice President and coordinator of Classics Day, will be emailed the logistics for the Ticket Raffle.

- 10:53 – For Snowball, Hanna must have at least one confirmed adult, who is at least 21 years old. Although Hanna already has one confirmed adult, she will email many more of her SCL connections as well as teachers about the responsibility.
- 10:54 – Some officers mention a common concern in the community service competition: large schools use their large populations to obtain as great a number of points as possible, whereas small schools do not have the advantage of numbers. In order to raise the morale of smaller schools and show that MassJCL values their contributions, the Board agrees to highlight smaller schools' (or their specific members') community service efforts at events, such as Classics Day and Snowball, by producing spotlight presentations on their exceptional accomplishments. The summation of the points, which smaller schools receive for their community service actions, and the emphasis placed on these actions with spotlight presentations will help to counterbalance the attention that large schools receive with their vast treasuries of community service points with the attention that smaller schools receive. In addition to the promotional benefits, small schools featured in the spotlight will be awarded an enjoyable prize.

Secretary

- 11:10 – On the subject of secretarial duties and the formation of committees (as was briefly referenced during the confidential section), concerns about the T-Shirt contest, which is customarily discussed at length in the first meeting of new year, are raised. Last year, the Board's deliberation lasted for 1 hour and 32 minutes. In order to spare the Board's time at the next meeting, it is suggested that the profound evaluation of the numerous T-shirt submissions be delegated to another committee, the prospective T-Shirt Committee. Opposition to this proposal argues that the entirety of the Board wishes to see the T-shirt entries. As a compromise, some officers propose that the Board see the T-shirts and has a brief, possibly 10-minute, tête-à-tête regarding each T-shirt's merits, but, for the more zealous appraising of T-shirts, they propose the creation of a committee.
- 11:12 – Still, Ms. Fillion and Hanna agree with the first part of the suggestion (that a brief discussion be held by the Board), but suggest that Board merely vote subsequent to the minimal discussion, thus foregoing the formation of a committee. In Hanna's suggestion, each officer would receive photocopies of each of the T-shirt submissions. In the end, no decision is yet made, but it seems that officers are siding with the latter suggestion of taking a vote after a small discussion in lieu of a committee.
- 11:14 – Hanna also expresses her disapproval of an attempt made last year to combine the BLA and BLS T-shirts. However, BLS artists ultimately took over the design of the T-shirt and eliminated the ambiguity of which school was working on it. A similar situation happened a few years ago between the T-shirts for Mt. Greylock and BLA. Connie, seeing that this discussion is not pertinent to the meeting objectives for November 15, poses that we move on.
- 11:15 – The Board claps to express their appreciation of Daniel Sherman for writing the Minutes for this meeting.

President – Connie Chang

- 11:15 – The Contest Booklet must be updated. The primary changes will be the due dates, as States this year is three weeks later than last year. This year, all contests, which were formerly due on March 15, will now be due on April 1, as was the case for the State Convention two years ago. These contests include Multimedia, Newsletter, Publicity, Promotional Video, Bonus Points Memorabilia, Candidacy Nomination, Creative Writing, NJCL Scholarship, and Website Contest.
- 11:16 – Hanna suggests that the Newsletter only be submitted electronically.
- 11:16 – Linda suggests that deadline for the last Newsletter be extended to States itself on May 1; however, this suggestion is turned down.
- 11:16 – On a more immediate note, Linda asks what the upcoming Newsletter deadlines are. December 1 and February 1 are agreed upon.
- 11:17 – Connie inquires as to the number of contestants allowed for the Couples Contest. It is decided that Dan Packer has authority over this matter and will decide.
- 11:18 – There is no decision about the due date for the T-shirts. That deadline will be decided in the near future.

IV. Adjournment for Lunch

11:18 A.M.

- 11:39 – While people are eating their sandwiches, Amol Punjabi says hello via a text message.

V. Meeting Resumption

11:50 A.M.

Chairs

- 11:50 – Although the Chairs as a whole have nothing specifically to report, Ms. Bauer did collect her binder when she was unloading the sandwiches. This binder contains recent information about the population numbers of each of the MassJCL chapters. Dalena will be sent the contents for the purpose of uploading the information onto the MassJCL website (*vide* Minute 10:19).
- 11:51 – There is no actual due date for JCL membership, and consequently the current figures are subject to increase. Even for Nationals, the deadline for membership is July 1.
- 11:51 – Before December 1, MassJCL must pay \$2 per member to NJCL. After December 1, a chapter fee amounting to about \$35 must also be paid. Teachers must also join the American Classical League, which membership costs \$55. However, some teachers are slow to join, and many only join so that their more distinguished Latin students have the opportunity of being admitted into the National Latin Honor Society.
- 11:52 – BLSJCL is congratulated for being the oldest and largest JCL chapter in the *known* universe. As of present, BLSJCL has 320 members. With MassJCL's members totaling 904 people, BLSJCL constitutes one third of the entire state's JCL population.
- 11:53 – Two chapters asked Julia about turning in dues for Classics Day at Classics Day itself. Julia asks Ms. Bauer how she should respond, but Ms. Bauer indicates that she will, in fact, not be able to attend Classics Day because she will be acting as a substitute teacher at BLA on December 5. Ms. Fillion will be at Classics Day and will preside over registration matters. Ms. Fillion says that National dues and Classics Day dues must be turned in at the end of the month of November. Julia will indicate which schools have emailed her off record after the meeting, since there have been problems in the past with some chapters attending events, but not paying for their attendance. Ultimately, it is decided that Julia will forward the email

from the two schools to Ms. Bauer, who will make the final decision concerning whether they can pay for the event at Classics Day or not and whether or not they still owe MassJCL money from last year.

- 11:56 – Julia’s mentor/sponsor is Ms. Fillion. Julia should send all emails regarding Classics Day to Ms. Bauer, who is also an excellent proofreader, and Ms. Fillion before disseminating the emails to the public. All officers should, in fact, have all emails, which are to be sent beyond the realm of inter-officer communication, reviewed and approved by their respective mentors. For the more difficult situations, the State Chairs should take on the responsibility of communication so that the officers are not directly involved. Some adults may not accept being governed by students, regardless of what position they hold within JCL. Consigning those business affairs to State Chairs is not only more appropriate, but also more efficient because of the adult-to-adult status of the situation.

VI. Videos & Classics Day

11:59 A.M.

- 11:59 – Before conversation ensues on Classics Day, Julia first discusses the MassJCL YouTube Channel. The YouTube Committee was established during the MassJCL Board meeting of August 23, 2014. This morning, Julia distributed to all members of this committee a Google spreadsheet, listing all the YouTube videos that must be created. The first video topic is Coin Wars.
- 12:01 – The mentioning of the Coin Wars video catalyzes a charged discussion about the permissibility of certain officers’ charities. Discussion of the YouTube Channel resumes at Minute 12:10.
- 12:01 – Hanna indicates that Dan Packer received an email, which stated that an officer should not be collecting money through Coin Wars for a charity, with which s/he has an affiliation. There was a complaint last year, in which a particular person’s trust in MassJCL was undermined because the individual felt that officers with outside affiliations with their respective charities were using MassJCL as a means to help their own charities. However, Connie and Hanna, the two officers to whom this matter pertains, chose their organizations because they had connections with them. Believing that this strategy would kill two birds with one stone, the two officers did not realize that selecting institutions, with which they had associations, could be perceived as a conflict of interest. Connie and Hanna are willing to change their organizations and ultimately do so. But before their final decision, the Board still discusses whether the change is truly necessary.
- 12:03 – Ms. Bauer agrees with the person who filed the complaint. She points out that those, who do not personally know the officers, could very easily think that officers were engaging in a form of embezzlement if they themselves had a position of authority in the organization for which they are raising money. In reality, no officers have or would ever take money gained in Coin Wars. Nevertheless, it could appear as if the officers are using MassJCL for alternative goals.
- 12:04 – Ms. Fillion wants to know if any Board members are supporting any animal welfare organizations. Since no officers are, she suggests such an organization should replace either Connie’s or Hanna’s original choice. It is much safer to go with public organizations, especially those that arouse sympathy on account of their support of well-known causes, such as animal welfare.
- 12:05 – To note: Connie is Executive Director of reACT. Hanna is Communications Coordinator of Science for Shooting Stars. Their positions in their respective organizations are the sources

of the conflict of interest. Linda, however, once aided her organization with a job, but she does not have any positions or current connections with them other than her choice of the organization for Coin Wars. Thus, there is no conflict of interest for her organization, Project Moves Dance Company.

12:05 – Hanna does not consider her affiliation with her choice organization for Coin Wars is a problem.

12:06 – Allyson suggests that Hanna take reAct and Connie take Science for Shooting Stars. However, even this switch raises questions because the MassJCL Board provides a close link between Connie and Hanna.

12:07 – Ms. Bauer receives applause for being the one to put coins in the bank’s paper coin rolls.

12:08 – Ms. Fillion very strongly asserts that it the sponsors’ responsibility to make sure that there are no conflicts of interest and that no way exists for anyone to cast aspersions on the institution of MassJCL itself. She declares that officers should not pick charities, to which they have affiliations. She proclaims that there should be no voting on the issue (as was attempted, but eventually repudiated). It is final. Hanna and Connie agree to change.

12:10 – Returning to the subject of the YouTube Channel, Julia lists what videos must be made and who are presiding over their creation:

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| 1. Coin Wars | = | Linda Qin |
| 2. Community Service | = | Hanna Seariac |
| 3. Parliamentarian Video Encouraging People to Run for Office | = | Daniel Packer |
| 4. Masquerade Invitational Video | = | Hanna Seariac |
| 5. Behind the Scenes at Classics Day | = | Julia Pan |
| 6. Officer Skits | = | TBD |
| 7. Certamen | = | TBD |
| 8. State Convention Invitational Video | = | Connie Chang |
| 9. Behind the Scenes at State Convention | = | All |
| 10. Parliamentarian in Action at State Convention/
National Convention (a video for next year’s members) | = | TBD |
| 11. Scrapbook Dos and Don’ts | = | Veena Lagare |

12:10 – Further information about these videos follows. Dan Packer would like the Parliamentarian Video Encouraging People to Run for Office to be shown at Classics Day in order to give prospective candidates time to consider the option of running for office. Julia will ask Melissa Joseph Parno, one of the principal coordinators of Classics Day at Boston University and BU Classics Department Administrator, if she can set up a projector at Classics Day.

12:10 – Hanna’s Masquerade Invitational Video will also be shown at Classics Day.

12:11 – At the suggestion of Mary, Julia will film a Behind the Scenes at Classics Day video to be shown at a later date.

12:11 – An independent person can film all of the MassJCL officer skits.

12:11 – Julia can make a nostalgic Certamen video for Yale Certamen. Connie will make the State Convention Invitational Video in February. Mary also suggested the Behind the Scenes Convention Video.

12:12 – The Parliamentarian in Action videos at both State and National Convention will provide the general JCL population with a better concept of the responsibilities of the Parliamentarian, a position that must garner more appreciation.

- 12:12 – The Scrapbook Dos and Don'ts Video was also proposed by Mary.
- 12:13 – These videos are mostly educational in nature. This instructive quality is exactly what the Board wants. It creates a more informed JCL population, members of which might be interested in running for office or bettering JCL in some way when they learn how JCL is truly run. The videos also have an entertaining and invitational element, enticing people to attend certain events.
- 12:14 – Hanna wants to create a video for Spirit.
- 12:14 – Now, with the discussion about the YouTube Channel having been concluded, Julia discusses her event of the year: Classics Day.
- 12:15 – As of November 15, Julia has gotten 591 students and chaperones to attend Classics Day. This figure is comprised of 20 different schools. The Board applauds Julia for her outstanding work in acquiring such a great number of schools, including many smaller schools, which MassJCL is also trying to incorporate more into the events that the larger chapters attend. Currently, she has assigned 200 people to their respective workshops.
- 12:16 – Because the officers need to sort lunches and prepare for the massive lines, which grow as soon as the second session of lectures has been completed, officers will not be able to attend workshops. However, Julia says that they may attend the workshops if they really want and their decision to do so would not pose a major problem. Julia herself will not be available to help sort and organize the majority of lunches because she will be teaching one of the workshops in the second session.
- 12:17 – The issue of directing people is also mentioned. Last year the map was unclear and not enough copies were produced for all participants. On account of the subsequent confusion, Hanna had to direct people, but she admits that she occasionally directed people incorrectly. The map must be redrawn this year to improve the clarity and readability. This year there is the added benefit that all workshops are being held in the same building, whereas last year some attendants had to move to a different building. It is a great improvement to have this confusion eliminated.
- 12:17 – It is informally suggested that Ada Chai, a talented BLS artist, redraw the map. However, no decision is ultimately made about who should redraw the map.
- 12:18 – The following is a list of flyers or other documents, which must be created in the near future:
1. Classics Day Brochure (includes the schedule and map)
 2. Midnight Masquerade Flyer (created by Hanna)
 3. Spirit Days for States Flyer (created by Hanna)
 4. A List of All Upcoming Events (including Certamen tournaments) and Deadlines (created by Julia)
 5. Coin Wars Flyer (created by Linda and Hanna)
 6. Community Service Flyer (created by Hanna)
 7. States Flyer (created by Connie)
 8. Social Media Links (created by Connie)
- 12:20 – The method of distributing papers at Classics Day is considered. Chapter sponsors will each receive an envelope, which contains their students' name tags and a list of which workshops each student is attending, among other information. A copy of the *Forum Factorum* will be placed underneath each envelope. MassJCL, this year, will try to provide every attendant with a program that includes both a schedule and a map of the premises. This program with its inclusion of all critical information should alleviate most of the directional confusion that has plagued large portions of the participants in previous years. Julia will compile the contents of each of these folders.

- 12:22 – Linda does have the rules in order to create the Coin Wars flyer. However, there is one regulation, which is still raising concerns. The regulation, stipulating that the winner (i.e. the individual who has the most positive points accrued from getting the most metallic money) will have a pie driven into his/her face, is discussed at length. At the meeting on July 12, the Board “agreed that instead of pieing the winner in the face, which could be construed as juvenile and violent, the winner and loser must sing a contemporary song together. The song will be chosen by popular vote” (Minute 11:25).
- 12:23 – The Board now strays away from its previous resolution. Pieing is once again considered. Ms. Fillion, however, adamantly stresses that ramming a pie into a person’s face is barbaric, lowly, unacceptable, and not in keeping with MassJCL’s positive repute. The “pie” is, however, not a waste of food on account of its shaving cream constitution.
- 12:24 – As an alternative, Allyson recommends that the winner of Coin Wars leaves the general assembly hall, while people remaining inside fabricate a story, which the winner must work to understand without any context. Aside from the logistical difficulties of such a proposition, many officers observe that this suggestion is more of a game than a reward/punishment. Dancing is also suggested as an alternative; however, dancing can be either really funny or disastrously unentertaining and simply bad. Furthermore, any other activity, which may incorporate allusions to Nationals or prior State Conventions (events that many MassJCLers have not necessarily attended), could easily not be understood by large portions of the audience at the upcoming State Convention. The naturally developed hierarchy of knowledge about JCL events creates many difficulties when trying to make puns or witty references. The inventor of such comedic devices must make sure that the majority of the audience understands the jest, which is difficult to accomplish because of the hierarchy of knowledge.
- 12:26 – Some members of the Board suggest that the winner sing a song, which has been unanimously predetermined by the Board. However, it is quickly realized that singing a known song as a reward/punishment is neither funny nor entertaining.
- 12:31 – Returning to the subject of the pieing alternative, one officer suggests that the winner carry a balloon around with them for the balance of the day. With the rejection of this idea, it is once again reiterated that the slapstick act of pieing people in the face, the quintessential element of a circus routine, is simply amusing. But it is the very association that pieing has with a circus act that epitomizes the problem of employing such comedic devices at a reputable, statewide Latin convention.
- 12:32 – Ultimately it is proposed that both the winner and loser of Coin Wars engage in a rap battle. This idea’s positive elements include not only the elimination of pieing, but also the introduction of the loser into the results of the competition. The latter element represents an improvement, for the loser probably has raised the most money out of all the contestants. Coin Wars is based on the counterintuitive concept that the winner has the most number of coins and the loser has the most number of bills. Therefore, the loser will have most likely accrued the largest sum of money. Thus, in the last suggestion, the winner (by Coin Wars regulations) and the loser (the person who most likely raised the most money, or at least the most hard cash) will be incorporated into an amusing rap battle. Hanna proposes the idea. Linda seconds. The Board unanimously agrees. The Pieing Rule is now repealed and substituted with the Musical Battle Rule.
- 12:36 – BLA and BLS Certamen tournaments are one or two weeks apart this year. The BLS Certamen Tournament is set for February 7. The BLA Certamen Tournament date depends

on the SAT conflicts. The SAT is held on January 24, but it is still to be decided whether BLA will hold their tournament on this date or on the following Saturday, January 31.

- 12:38 – Classics Day goes until 2:30. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Officers should arrive at Boston University (George Sherman Union building) at 7:00 a.m. Connie must be there at 5:00 a.m. Julia will send the schedule to all the officers.
- 12:40 – Julia must assemble gifts for both Melissa Parno and Professor Stephen Scully for their facilitation and coordination of Classics Day at BU. This gift could perhaps include MassJCL purple book bags, flowers, and/or candy, *inter alia*. In total, 22 professors must receive honoraria. Julia will write a thank you letter for each of the professors on MassJCL greeting cards. A signed check will be slipped into each of the envelopes, which the professors will receive after they collect their name tags. Ms. Fillion will give Ms. Bauer the MassJCL cards, and Ms. Bauer will pass them onto Julia.
- 12:43 – Julia will send Mary a complete list of all the properly spelled names of all the recipients of checks. Mary will bring in the completed checks, and Julia will manually slip them into the completed thank you cards at Classics Day. As Julia must attend the second workshop session, she may have to delegate this responsibility to another individual, but this decision will be determined closer to or at Classics Day.
- 12:44 – The color theme of the officers’ apparel is briefly discussed. The officers quickly decide on classical purple. All forms of clothing, from dresses to sweaters, are acceptable with the proviso that it be colored purple.
- 12:45 – Extensive discussion of the Officer Skit follows. The Board seems to favor a murder mystery plot line. Hanna offers to be the victim and to give an introductory monologue vaguely explaining the course of actions that led to her death. A detective enters the scene and through deduction determines who the perpetrator is. It is agreed that the perpetrator should not be someone obvious. A Google document has been created to facilitate further, confidential discussion of the matter.
- 12:48 – Ms. Hausey notes that a story concerning murder can always be construed in the wrong way. In order to mitigate the severity of the subject and detach it further from real criminal matters, Ms. Hausey suggests the use of a conglomeration of mythological or historical characters. The Officer Skit could be based on a Roman historical example of an interesting death, of which there are many.
- 12:51 – All chapters participating in the Skit Contest must conform to the theme of Classics Day or of the National 2015 theme, which are respectively “Mythology, Religion of Yore” and “*tu ne cede malis, sed contra audentior ito*” (“Yield not to misfortunes, but advance all the more boldly against them”). Julia has emailed the sponsors about that requirement.

VII. States

12:51 P.M.

- 12:51 – The first order of business for States is to discuss the various forms of entertainment that will be provided. The Board momentarily tables discussion about what will be done for Friday night entertainment. This will be resumed at Minute 1:26. It is indicated that the hotel has a miniature golf course, game room, pool, and paddleboats. Julia suggests looking at last year’s survey, which collected data concerning public opinion of the various events (including entertainment) held at States.
- 12:52 – The Chairs will stay in contact with the Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center to find out what is logistically possible for entertainment and what traditional elements of State Convention can and cannot be facilitated in this new venue.

- 12:52 – In order to cover any unforeseen or additional expenses (such as meals that will be of better quality and of greater quantity), the price, which each student must pay to attend States, will increase from the previous \$160 to \$170. It is also stated that most schools will, in fact, save money for the bus ride to Sturbridge, for it is a centrally located city in Massachusetts, unlike Barnstable, which is quite distant from most MassJCL chapters. Only those, who attend Barnstable, will notice an increase in transportation expenses by traveling to Sturbridge. However, the geographical distance between Barnstable and Sturbridge may actually entice more Barnstable students to attend States, for they may be interested in the experience of traveling to a new locale and living in a hotel for two days.
- 12:54 – Assuming that approximately 500 students will attend states, the increased price will provide \$5,000 of additional revenue. This money will go toward paying additional expenses and toward the MassJCL treasury. Holding States at Sturbridge cuts out some minor expenses, such as hiring buses to transport students from a hotel to a school. At Sturbridge, only the bus, which transports students to the athletic contests at the YMCA, must be hired.
- 12:54 – Dr. Nelson suggests that schools could, if they so wished, take off all of Friday and spend the additional time visiting and exploring the famous Old Sturbridge Village.
- 12:55 – Unlike States in Barnstable, food cannot be brought into the hotel. Furthermore, the pizza shops in Sturbridge are not accustomed to the constant activity of major urban centers, and consequently they close at 10:30 p.m., making the issue of pizza delivery a moot point, since events are never over before 10:30. Moreover, only two pizza shops exist in Sturbridge.
- 12:58 – It is suggested that the hotel might order pizzas from Sturbridge’s local pizzerias and then sell individual slices to hungry students on Friday and Saturday nights. Ms. Bauer is currently advising the hotel manager to fully stock the vending machines in order that there be a chance that these dispensers of bagged food survive the inexorable onslaught of 500 hungry people.
- 12:59 – The hotel has already agreed to make pizzas for the MassJCL delegation’s Sunday lunch.
- 1:00 – The other meals planned at States include, but are not limited to, the following: sandwiches for the Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and spaghetti for Saturday dinner. Gluten free sandwich options will be provided. Additionally, there is a possibility that the hotel may also provide salad, clam chowder, and/or corn chowder. However, the presence of these sides has not been confirmed. Hanna would be excited if they did offer clam chowder, for it would reflect the Sunday spirit theme.
- 1:03 – The State Chairs caution officers from proposing that individuals purchase food independently from the control of the hotel. Hotels use conferences, such as the State Convention, to make money. Typically, hotels with this type of conference center facility charge their guests for every room that they are occupying. However, Sturbridge Hotel has graciously agreed to not charge MassJCL anything for the rooms that we are taking. Instead, the hotel is making its profits from the agreed upon meals, of which the MassJCL delegation will partake. If students order food from outside sources and distribution of this “foreign” food is not regulated by the hotel, then MassJCL is undermining the agreement between the two parties, which will only force the hotel to charge us for the rooms.
- 1:04 – An extensive discussion concerning pool privileges is held. The pool is only open for a set number of hours. The door providing entry to the pool is opened with one’s room key card. The hotel can allow delegates to swim at late hours, if MassJCL requests the time extensions.

- 1:05 – The hotel does have a hot tub; however, this device presents health concerns, and use of it is unfair to those who are under the age requirement to sit in a hot tub. Consequently, use of the hot tub is prohibited.
- 1:06 – Swimming in the pool also raises certain liability issues. There are historical precedents for problems with the pool and unsuitable safety measures being in place. When the pool is left open and entering is not regulated, the area becomes chaotic and dangerous. The pool will not be open during all waking hours because of the lack of a sufficient number of supervisory staff. Furthermore, the only way in which supervision at the pool can be concentrated is if specified times dictate when delegates are allowed to swim. It is suggested that the pool be open around 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., which is the time when the shuttle bus is driving delegates to the YMCA, which is approximately 10 minutes away from the hotel. The YMCA will not be charging us, but they do need to close, which means that students cannot swim there too late. Students will also not be allowed to go there in the morning because the YMCA has other clients at this time. The suggested time of traveling to the YMCA conflicts with the scheduled time for dinner. Thus, attendants of athletic activities at the YMCA may have to bring bagged dinners.
- 1:10 – Ms. Hausey declares that everyone who wants to swim must sign a special release form to absolve MassJCL of general liability. A parent signature must be included specifically for the pool so that there is no ambiguity about the agreement that parents and students are making. If MassJCL were liable for any incidents that should occur, the Boston Public Schools would forever constrain MassJCL’s activities.
- 1:11 – Furthermore, students who sign the release form, will be given a wristband, which signifies they have agreed to the terms set forth by MassJCL regarding their natatorial activities and behavior around the pool. In order to eliminate overcrowding of the pool area, the number of people allowed in the pool at any given time will be restricted. Chaperones at the door will control lines and the admittance of new people into the swimming facilities. MassJCL will also hire nurses for State Convention in the event that medical care needs to be administered. The State Chairs will also find out where the nearest hospital is located. This attention to health-related issues demonstrates that MassJCL is a responsible organization, which can address challenges as soon as they arise.
- 1:12 – Ms. Hausey also states that the close proximity between the hotel rooms and the premises will facilitate easy migration between the two. Such a situation means that sponsors may not be aware of their students’ whereabouts at any given time. In order to effectively manage the situation, Ms. Hausey suggests that times be created when students are not allowed to be in their respective rooms. Such a decree will be enforced by deactivating students’ hotel cards during the specified times. The State Chairs will look into the possibility of deactivating cards.
- 1:14 – On the subject of safety and protection, it is advised that a police officer be present to supervise people at the Dance. Hanna indicates that she would prefer a female or older police officer, because Ms. Bauer observed that a few females at the dance this past year seemed to be flirting with the young policeman assigned to the dance.
- 1:16 – There should be a breathalyzer available at States. While it is not unprecedented for students to secretly bring alcoholic beverages, MassJCL has zero tolerance for such behavior. It was noted that deactivating room keys at specific times would inhibit alcohol consumption in the rooms.

- 1:18 – Connie mentions that she felt that there was not enough supervision at the Nationals Dance. She is making it a priority to maintain for this year the high level of supervision that previously existed at the States Dance.
- 1:20 – The officers may hold a workshop to educate people in specific dancing styles.
- 1:22 – As part of the actions to maintain a high standard of conduct at the Dance, MassJCL will ban certain songs, especially those containing derogatory lyrics, racist or sexist content, and/or suggestive material. These bans will apply to Midnight Masquerade, States, and all other MassJCL events.
- 1:26 – Last year, the Club T Entertainment Group provided the entertainment for Friday night. As this group was unnecessarily expensive, this year, MassJCL is looking to provide all the same equipment as Club T provided without actually hiring them. The primary recreational amusement that Club T facilitated was karaoke. There is an extensive discussion about the possible costs of purchasing versus renting equipment versus actually hiring a company. Eventually, it is decided that Hanna will try to get some of the equipment, which AMSA and Mt. Greylock already own. Regarding the professional karaoke machine, BLSJCL has agreed to *purchase*, not rent, the device and lend it to MassJCL at States, Kick-Off, and any other events, for which it is needed. BLSJCL will procure the Singing Machine iSM1028Xa 7-Inch Color TFT Display CDG Karaoke Player, which costs \$204.70 plus \$24.49 for shipping. However, there are similar options for slightly cheaper prices that may also be considered. BLSJCL will eventually decide on the exact model they will buy. Acquiring this equipment serves as an excellent long term investment, for MassJCL no longer needs to hire an expensive company to preside over equipment, which JCL itself can purchase for a couple hundred dollars and use year after year. It is estimated that MassJCL may save \$600 by eliminating the expense of hiring Club T and even more money by not renting karaoke equipment year after year.
- 1:33 – Furthermore, the karaoke machine itself does not need to be updated. JCL must merely purchase new CDs every year. With each CD priced at about \$10 and the karaoke machine itself at about \$250, MassJCL will be able to conserve its funds. Moreover, BLSJCL itself will also now have a karaoke machine, which can be used in the BLS Black Box.
- 1:38 – Regarding other technological investments, for the time, MassJCL will be renting microphones, projectors, and other appliances necessary for the General Assemblies for States this year. However, if Sturbridge works out successfully and we decide to return next year, then MassJCL will have to actually buy the electronic products and make long-term investments, since Sturbridge does not have any of these apparatuses.
- 1:40 – Ms. Fillion notes that there is minimal downtime in the schedule. Any spare time is consumed for many people by the rides they must take on the shuttle bus. However, other people do have considerable amounts of free time, which must be occupied by activities. The hotel does provide some recreational facilities, such as a game room, miniature golf course, and paddleboats. Ms. Fillion recommends that more workshops, such as those held at Kick-Off be introduced to fill the free time at States.
- 1:42 – Ms. Fillion cites the workshops offered at Classics Day as examples of excellent educational tools. Julia’s workshops at Classics Day have inspiring and intriguing and enticing titles, such as “The Housewives of Mt. Olympus.” With similar workshops held at States, no one would be without activities to do or lectures to listen to. Ms. Burns conducted a workshop at States 2014, but only 15 people attended. With a greater number of workshops and more advertising of these events, many people could utilize their free time for their own educational enrichment.

- 1:43 – Hanna suggests having morning exercise classes, such as the ones offered at Nationals. However, this proposition is dismissed.
- 1:43 – Instead, ideas for a Spirit Parade workshop, Community Service workshop, and Practice Cheers for States workshop are accepted.
- 1:44 – A schedule for State Convention will be finalized in the next Board meeting. Since no transportation is required like last year, people should be able to sleep more.
- 1:47 – The Board now discusses possible dates for the next Board meeting. January 10 was the previously determined date for the first meeting of the new year. Disregarding this date, the Board considers January 17; however, Ms. Fillion among others will be in New York during this time. Monday, January 19 is Martin Luther King Day. BLA Certamen will tentatively be held on January 24. Considering all these dates and the myriad of conflicts, the Board eventually decides to hold the next meeting on Saturday, February 21. This day precedes the deadline for constitutional amendment submission (March 1), and this date is four weeks prior to Midnight Masquerade (March 21). Thus, this meeting will feature discussions on Snowball and the Constitution in addition to other pressing matters, such as the State Convention schedule, T-Shirt Contest, YouTube Channel videos, and the production of flyers.
- 1:51 – In conclusion, the next MassJCL meeting will be held on February 21 in the Northborough Library. The established snow date is February 28.
- 1:53 – The meeting is adjourned.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

1:53 P.M.

Duration (excluding Lunch): 3 hours, 38 minutes

Summary:

This meeting was the fourth MassJCL meeting of the 2014-2015 year. It was divided into four main sections. The first section concerned the successes and problems of Kick-Off. MassJCL will work over the following years to improve the efficiency, with which Certamen teams are created, to make directions to the various events as clear as possible, to increase public awareness of the Clark Art Museum, and to provide additional recreational activities following the Hula Hoop Contest. During the second part of the meeting, officers gave their reports. The website is up-to-date and only requires the latest documents, most of which are not available at the present time. The Scrapbook and next edition of the *Forum Factorum* are in progress. The *Forum Factorum* will be ready for proofreading by November 24. The MassJCL treasury possesses \$6,852.88 as of November 15. States will have spirit themes for Saturday and Sunday and schools' cheers and props must reflect the themes. Snowball has been booked for March 21 at the Boston Commons Hotel and will feature an expanded games section. MassJCL will also work to fill its YouTube Channel with instructive videos. The third part of the meeting concerned the approaching event of Classics Day. Classics Day will be held at Boston University, and, this year, 591 people will attend the event. The major confusions of last year regarding directions will hopefully be ameliorated this year with an improved and redrawn map and with the program, which will now contain a map and schedule and will be distributed to all delegates. Professors and coordinators as always will be given a small gift, either monetary or material. The fourth part of the meeting concerned States. Of general note, States will be held from May 1 to May 3 at the Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center. The major decisions are summarized in Highlight 21 and discussed in more detail in the Minutes. Of particular note is

