

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting
November 16, 2013
Northborough Library

Board Members Present:

Joana Jankulla	President	BLA
Jeffrey Dubuisson	1 st Vice President	BLA
Connie Chang	2 nd Vice President	BLS
Julia Pan	Secretary	BLS
Henry Tsang	Treasurer	BLS
Aaron Ziemer	Parliamentarian	MTG
Hanna Seariac	Publications Editor	AMSA
Amol Punjabi	Technical Coordinator	AMSA

State Chairs:

Viet Luong		BLA
Anne Nelson		AKF
Nancy Sinacola		At-Large

Guests:

Ted Atkinson	SCL	
Katie Davis		MTG
Zephie Gollan		MTG
Najla Nassar		MTG

Regrets:

Salomé Kassini	Historian	AKF
Tamara Bauer	Chair	BARN
Janet Fillion	Chair	BLA
Catherine Foley		BLS
Sheri Hausey		BLS

Highlights: *Change is in the air!*

- ❖ A \$250 budget for the State Scrapbook has been approved for Salomé Kassini.
- ❖ A copyrighted, printed packet of Novice certamen study materials will be passed out on Classics Day, one per school. All other certamen concerns should email Ms. Sinacola at chairsinacola@massjcl.org.
- ❖ Constitutional changes that Aaron Ziemer, parliamentarian, proposes: 1. State chairs have a total of 3 votes. 2. People desiring of running for National office will make a speech at the

January board meeting. 3. Remove “open checking account” from the Treasurer’s description. 4. No longer the treasurer’s job to gather contact information of student liaisons and chapter sponsors. 5. Publications Editor only has to publish one issue of convention news. 6. Remove “Inc.” from MassJCL Inc.

- ❖ Snowball has been tentatively approved! The theme is Battle of the Bands and most likely will be held at the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts on February 16, 2014 hopefully. However, MassJCL needs 10 chaperones, so if you are reading this and know any teachers who could possibly chaperone, please contact them and email 2ndvp@massjcl.org if they agree! Here is the Snowball Proposal:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dhS7taLuSp709w5noOhZGZY1JLdINxhRsgTJ17vA5ns/edit?usp=sharing>
- ❖ MassJCL Congress/SPQM at Kickoff was a success!
- ❖ The motions of 1. using the “best of” distance results in catapult contests and 2. catapult shots being judged on where they roll, not where they land at Kickoff have been passed by the board.
- ❖ Currently, Classics Day is using a rolling admissions process. So far 15 schools and 450 students have signed up for Classics Day. The capacity is 750 people.
- ❖ State Officers living in Boston should arrive at Boston University at 7:30 am. Also, do not forget to wear your pins and dress in purple!
- ❖ Tentative changes to State Convention Schedule: 1. General Meeting for Proctors and Sponsors on Friday night. 2. Academic Testing for the most part will take place in the cafeteria. 3. Tests will no longer be in colored paper. 4. Losing name tags now comes with a punishment worse than dancing and singing. 5. Open certamen on Saturday afternoon, questions read by certamen finalists. 6. Movie for State Convention: Catching Fire 7. Sight Reading is moved to Saturday afternoon.

Upcoming Events: *So many deadlines! Meet them!*

- ❖ January 6, 2014: T-Shirt Submissions Postmark Due
- ❖ January 11, 2014: Executive Board Meeting at Abby Kelley Foster from 10:00-2:00
- ❖ February 1, 2014: Early Deadline for Newsletter Submissions
- ❖ February 8, 2014: Boston Latin School Certamen
- ❖ March 15, 2013: Executive Board Meeting at Barnstable High School from 10:00-2:00.
- ❖ April 11-13, 2014: Massachusetts Junior Classical League State Convention at Barnstable High School

Minutes:

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| I. Call to Order | 10:19 am |
| II. Attendance | 10:19 am |

III. Officer Reports

10:20 am

Secretary- Julia Pan

10:20- August 17, 2013 Minutes were sent out on August 19 to all of the officers and chairs through a Google Doc for comments and edits. The Google Doc was then converted to a PDF and posted on the MassJCL website on August 23, 2013. The MassJCL Congress Minutes from Kickoff on October 12, 2013 were shared with Joana on October 14th. Last week, Amol posted the Minutes online.

Treasurer- Henry Tsang

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- The 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Net Gain: \$6,951.75
- 2013-2014 Net Loss so far: -\$2,597.77
- 2011-2012 Net Gain: \$6,056.73
- Current Account has: \$13,447.71
- After checks and taxes, the account should have: \$10,050.71
- Profit at Kickoff: \$709.70

Historian- Salomé Kassini

10:21- Dr. Nelson talks for Salomé. The draft of the scrapbook cover is passed around where the 12 Muses are standing around a computer. The muses will be colored in with watercolor and each muse will be assigned a special color. Salomé will cut out the empty space, and collage old issues of *Forum Factorum* in those spaces. Then, she will seal the back with Bristol paper before framing it.

10:21- The board really likes the incorporation of the tragic and comic faces.

10:22- Salomé would like a budget for the scrapbook because so far she has been scavenging the art room from school with the kindness of Mr. Hunt. However, she needs wood and binding and therefore a budget to buy materials.

10:23- Henry approves of a \$250 for the scrapbook.

10:24- There will be a Tumblr page for each muse/section.

- Nationals: Calliope
- Classics Day: Clio
- Officer Pages: Terpsichore
- Catapult: Urania
- Snowball: Erato
- State Convention: Polyhymnia &
- Chapters: Euterpe
- Certamen: Tragedy & Comedy

Technical Coordinator- Amol Punjabi

10:30- In the latest update of the website he has finished all of the pages except State Convention, Nationals, and Non-Academic pages. He also needs to add a running table to the Whole School Contests page.

10:31- Amol is not sure what other certamen resources he should put on the certamen page besides what is on the Nationals website.

10:32- During Classics Day, **printed** study packets for Novice will be given, one per school.

10:33- "If you want more information on certamen, please contact Ms. Sinacola at chairsinacola@massjcl.org." will be placed on the certamen page.

10:34- Henry suggests placing a copyright on the Novice Certamen Study Packet. If a MA teacher moves to another state and coaches over there, they should NOT copy the MA packet, but instead write their own certamen packet.

10:35- The date of BLS Certamen is February 8th, 2014.

Publications Editor (*Forum Factorum*)- Hanna Seariac

10:36- For the second issue, the only items that need to be completed are the last page and certamen page. Hanna plans to distribute them on Classics Day. She will receive her final article on Tuesday, and will be finished with the newsletter by Thursday, November 21.

Parliamentarian (Amendments)- Aaron Ziemer

10:37- According to the current constitution, all state chairs have one vote. Aaron proposes that the constitution should state that state chairs collectively have 3 votes.

10:39- Aaron wonders that if someone is running for Nationals office, whether the candidates send out an application to the board or make a speech. The board decides that the candidate should notify the parliamentarian of their intent and come to the January board meeting and deliver a speech.

10:40- Spirit games in the officer description for the Second Vice President means the Ludi that are played at State Convention.

10:40- Aaron proposes deleting “open a checking account” from the Treasurer’s description, because a checking account for MassJCL is already open. In addition, the Constitution says that it is the Treasurer’s job to organize all of the contact information pertaining to student liaisons and chapter sponsors. Since Ms. Fillion does that already, Aaron will propose to remove that from the Constitution.

10:41- In the duties of the Publications Editor description, it mentions that this person is responsible for 2 issue of convention news. The board agrees to pare it down to 1 issue of convention news.

10:42- On a page of the constitution it says “MassJCL Inc.” Aaron proposes to remove the “Inc.”

Second Vice President- Connie Chang

10:43- One school already emailed pictures of their Project Linus service project.

10:44- Connie’s 2014 Snowball Proposal:

- 7-9 MassJCL bands/Music groups will open for Snowball
- Miscellaneous Activities: photo booth, raffle
- The winner will have a guaranteed spot at That’s Entertainment, perhaps a non-competitive spot like Nathan Hermida had at the last convention.
- Proposed Dates: Sunday, February 16 and Friday, February 21 for the snow date
- IBA renovated a church to make it into an art museum and rental space.
- The package MassJCL will be using is the Popup Package: 850 dollars. The manager used to go to BLS, so perhaps there will be a student discount.
- The Villa Victoria closes at 10 PM. The proposed time for Snowball would be from 5PM to 9PM. Officers will arrive there at 4 PM to set up. The package also comes with an event manager, a security guard, and an entertainment license.
- Through Connie’s connections with Tori & Michelle Wu, MassJCL can hire the DJ David Walsh for free since he is close friends with the Wus and played at Michelle’s wedding.
- Conservative costs of other expenses: Decor: \$65, Food (w/o Donations): \$193, Rental of Tech Equipment: \$300

- MassJCL is a tax-deductible, non-profit organizations so we should be able to get donations for food and utensils.
- Ms. Low, parent of a BLA student, works at Shaw's and can provide donations too. She is usually a photographer at JCL events and says, "fabulous".

10:54- A PA/sound system consists of subwoofers (rental price N/A yet), microphones (\$150 per day), speakers (\$200 per day), and amps. Connie has 2 amps at home. If Snowball needs more amps, it costs \$25-30 to rent one. Connie will also look into renting a drum set since it is inconvenient for people to bring their own drum set.

10:56- If 150 people come to Snowball, and at \$12 a ticket, MassJCL can make 300 dollars in profit.

10:57- At MassJCL Congress everyone was really excited about the Battle of the Bands idea.

10:57- The earlier time and cheaper prices could bring in a lot of people. Joana also likes the idea because it shows everyone that JCL is not just about Latin, but also about community and music!

10:58- Ms. Foley and Ms. Moguel might be willing to chaperone. Chaperones should be 21 years or older, so perhaps Mike Howard (21) and Dylan Drolette (22) could chaperone too. 10 chaperones will be needed if 150 people attend.

11:00- Ms. Sinacola thinks that Connie did a lot of work. Snowball is tentatively approved, but the first thing for Connie to look into is definitely chaperones.

11:01- For some schools, Snowball has to be approved by the school board in order for JCLers to attend.

11:01- Publicity will include emailing sponsors, blasting the event on Facebook, spreading the word withing schools, and giving fliers to teachers to hand out to their students.

11:02- MassJCL has 50 followers on Twitter.

11:02- For schools like Everett and Montrose it is difficult for Snowball to be approved. Chaperones are liable, but oftentimes parents find the school liable if something bad happens. Dr. Nelson said that four or five years ago she had to send an email to every parent informing them that Snowball was not a school-sanctioned event.

11:03- If MassJCL could get food donations for pizza, that would be great.

11:04- Connie's description of the Villa Victoria (proposed venue for Snowball), "You walk in. The bar is on the left. Because we are under 21, the bar will serve soda other drinks, and food. On the right there will be space for a photo booth. In front of you there is a dance floor, then a stage. Once you reach the stage there are stairs on either side the balcony. I think that the DJ will be on the balcony. Behind the DJ there will be some tables and chairs for people to sit on if they are tired of dancing."

11:06- The state chairs say that an important question to ask the manager of the Villa Victoria is if February 16 encounters a mother of all blizzards, will MassJCL get reimbursed or refunded?

11:07- Another question to ask is if there is enough parking. Parking is important because many people will carpool and bands will be coming with their instruments. Parking garages in Boston are typically 15 bucks a night, more than the cost of a Snowball ticket!

11:09- Joana will go with Connie to scope out Villa Victoria and bring up our questions with the manager.

11:16- All public schools have vacation in February, so most JCLers do not have to worry too much about schoolwork during the dance.

11:23- More concerns about Snowball: 1. Will the payment consist of a down payment first, then pay the rest of the balance later? 2. A copy of what the contract between Villa Victoria and MassJCL would look like would be nice.

11:24- Ms. Luong is the advisor of Connie and Julia, so Connie should ask Ms. Luong for the adult

signature on the contract.

11:23- Connie gets the greenlight to move forward, but it not fully approved without a contract or at least ten chaperones.

11:26- Hanna can get to Snowball if it is on February 16 on time, albeit a little tired.

President (Kick-off Review)- Joana Jankulla

11:27- Kickoff stayed on time for most of the day.

11:27- Joana passes out the questionnaires from MassJCL Congress. The results are good--mostly 4s and 5s on the questionnaires and one 3. One prominent concern is always the downtime on Saturdays at State Convention.

11:32- MassJCL tries to fill the downtime on Saturday every year but people always complain.

11:34- This year the downtime on Saturday might have been because people who signed up for Olympika did not participate because of the pouring rain.

11:35- BLS people will ask Ms. Foley if she is willing to do two sessions of board games to fill the downtime.

11:36- Connie suggests having a video games session, such as Just Dance or Guitar Hero. Mr. Brownell might be open to hosting this session, since he owns Guitar Hero.

11:37- We could perhaps scheduling open certamen during Saturday afternoon. Perhaps it could be split up per level.

11:40- Joana (and everyone else) thinks that Amol is great at making jokes so the questions at open certamen could be read by students who are going to participate in the State Certamen finals. The questions might be easier and funnier too.

IV. Prandium

11:41 am

12:09- The ancient Romans would have tied their catapults with ropes and wooden nails.

12:10- In the Contest Rules it states that Catapult winners are determined by the average of the 2 shots. However in this year's Kickoff we used the distance of the best shot. Two shots came within 4 inches of each other. Aaron asks should the Contest Rules state the "average" or the "best of"?

12:11- Hanna seconds the motion to use "best of" in the contest rules. 11 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. The motion is passed.

12:12- Also distances should be measured from where the beanbags roll to, not where the beanbag first touched the ground because that is dangerous for an officer to measure. 11 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. The motion is passed.

12:13- Marshmallow catapults should also be determined by "best of".

12:14- In this year's results, if we used the average of two, BLA is clear winner. However BLA & Mount Greylock were close in terms of "best of."

12:15- Aaron also suggests that at State Convention we give every school an arrow with a one-inch radius.

12:16- Aaron says that the MTG band teachers thinks that someone threw a bag against the wall and crushed a student trumpet. The bell is crumpled and it costs 100 dollars to repair.

12:16- People were storing marshmallow catapults in the band room. There were three in there, when they should have been placed in the hallway.

12:17- Next year there should be more "Nolite Intrare" signs around the the Mount Greylock High School.

12:18- Aaron will send photos of the trumpet and send the bill to Henry.

Chairs

12:18- Feedback is that this was the best Kickoff of some time and the officer's skit was very funny, thanks to Connie!

12:19- There is a video of the skit and Amol will put it on the MassJCL website. The entertainment (Roman Legion Reenactment Group) was well-received. Zephie from MTG liked the entertainment but felt that it lagged a bit and could have been shorter.

12:20- One suggestion is that the tour at the Clark Art Museum always look at the same pieces of art. One memorable piece is the, "Marriage of Peleus and Thetis". It would be nice if people could look at different pieces of art in the following years.

12:22- THE TAXES FOR MASSJCL ARE DONE!

V. Classics Day

12:23 pm

Registration

12:23- As of now, Classics Day is on rolling admissions. The primary due date was Monday, but that was Veteran's Day, so on Tuesday registration forms were coming in the mail

12:23- So far 15 schools have signed up for Classics Day.

12:24- 450 people have registered so far. Jeffrey wants to fill the capacity of 750 people.

12:25- People with gluten-free dietary needs will bring their own lunch.

12:26- The stage arrangement this year will be different. The stage will be on the right wall, instead of being the first thing in front upon entering the ballroom.

12:27- Dr. Nelson asks, "How many microphones are available for BU?" Jeffrey will ask Melissa at Boston University about microphones.

Officer Jobs

12:28- Joana says that every year officers dress up for Classics Day. Attire should be appropriate. This year everyone should try to wear purple in order to match.

12:29- Officer Speeches at Classics Day:

- Aaron: Running for State Office
- Amol: Website
- Hanna: MassJCL Memoriae
- Julia: T-Shirt Contest
- Connie: Project Linus Service Project
- Henry: National Convention
- Salomé: Certamen

12:30- Officers will help hand out lunch at Classics Day since not many SCLers will be attending.

12:31- Ted enters.

12:32- Flyers on each table: Snowball, Description of Pre-Convention Contests

12:32- It is in writing that Ted Atkinson of SCL tentatively accepts to chaperone Snowball.

12:33- The MassJCL Congress/SPQM will only be an annual event at Kickoff.

12:34- At Kickoff, MassJCL officers should ask schools if they have a skit for Classics Day.

Officer Skit

12:35- The skit for Classics Day about Battle of the Bands. Everyone can badly sing, play the drums,

guitar, etc.

12:36- Most of the Classics Day workshops will be held in the GSU. Two of the workshops will be at the School of Theology.

12:36- Officers from Boston should arrive at BU at 7:30, everyone else try to get to BU ASAP (but don't wake up at 4!).

Skit Contest

12:37- Joana determines that the Classics Day skit rubric needs no changes. However, this time the results should be written down.

12:38- Schools can have State Officers participate in the skits.

12:38- Aaron & Salomé lost their officer pics. Dr. Nelson says that since she has to order pins anyways, she will order next year's pins too.

12:40- Everyone should wear their officer pins to Classics Day!

VI. State Convention

12:40 pm

Registration (Ted Atkinson)

12:41- Registration for States will start in January. He needs a certificate to have secure admission, otherwise the website cannot take credit card numbers.

12:42- Ted will not be at convention. Someone else has to spearhead to do the registration. Amol is the natural choice to maintain it.

12:43- Ted will train SCLers how to use the website in time for States. He will also laminate an Instruction sheet.

Entertainment

12:45- Entertainment Choices for Friday night: hypnotist show (might be too old), improv troupe (contact is Joe Gels from BLS for Improv Asylum), or a magician (from Club T). However, since then Joana has narrowed it down to hypnotist and magician because of special deals with Club T.

12:48- Mr. Matthieu from BLA DJs on the weekends and might be able to DJ for states. However, MassJCL does have a package deal with Club T.

12:50- Connie suggests having a song request box on the website registration that way a lot more music tastes will be satisfied.

12:51- There should be one general sponsor and proctor meeting on Friday night of States.

12:53- For the schools arriving late, they need snacks. Otherwise teachers will be busy looking for food and cannot attend the sponsor/proctor meeting.

12:55- Students taking academic tests in the cafeteria should be staggered out so they will not talk to each other or cheat. When parents proctor their children, they are often afraid to report their childrens' cheating.

12:57- The people who are taking 10-12 tests will be in classrooms. Everyone else in the cafeteria.

12:58- Instead of using different colored papers for each test, there will be large picture of same colored paper, to make things simple.

1:00- The "everyone taking tests in the cafeteria" idea is efficient because the instructions are read at the same time.

1:01- Reminder that if students do not put down a (correct) student number, they WILL not receive a score.

1:02- Instructions + mandatory time to take two tests = 30 minutes, just enough time for the

entertainment to set up.

1:03- If less proctors are needed, then more adults are available in general.

1:04- Check nametags at the dance and the Ice Cream Social.

1:05- A lot of people will lose their nametags on purpose since singing/dancing is not considered that much of a punishment. Jeffrey will lead the people who lose their nametags.

1:09- Movies on Saturday night: *Catching Fire*. The permission slips should say that students may watch a PG-13 movie. Also put a sign on the door that the movie is PG-13 too.

Scheduling (Bus Loops, other conflicts)

1:13- The two big schools will be separated and have a separate bus loop from the rest of the schools at a different door. There are different buses for different hotels.

1:15- Julia is asked by some members on the board to put in the minutes that most officers think that *Suite Life on Deck* was a terrible show.

1:16- Joana will send a schedule of the State Convention to all the chairs. Sight Reading will be changed to Saturday so not to collide with Academic Testing and Entertainment. Again, there will be 2 sessions of Impromptu Art.

1:20- Aaron says that one school brought a wheelchair as a chariot, and thinks that the contest rules should state that the chariots should only have 1 axle/up to 3 wheels.

1:22- He is also wondering if the worm race rules should have alternating genders.

1:24- The board wants input of Ms. Fillion, Ms. Kelley, and Ms. Bauer about the alternating of genders for the worm race.

1:30- Swimming at State Convention as an event might be too much to handle this year, but guests should feel free to swim at their own discretion.

1:31- One person at the MassJCL Congress wanted to incorporate an Essay Contest. Judging for Essays would be difficult. A Pre-Convention Contest could be an essay contest with a prompt. Logistics of this contest are still unresolved (i.e. give students an hour or 24 hours to write it? When? This year or next year?)

1:38- Joana will put essay contest in the presidential binder.

1:39- Description of the Pre-Convention contests should be in the *Forum Factorum* that way other schools will be informed of them and participate.

VII. Other

1:40 pm

1:41- The next executive board meeting will be on January 11th, 2014 at Abby Kelley Foster High School. At that board meeting, people who are interested in becoming a National officer and people with T-shirt submissions should attend.

Joana moves to adjourn the meeting.

Henry seconds the motion.

Amol thirds the motion.

VIII. Adjournment

1:41 pm

Duration: 3 hours and 22 minutes