

The Massachusetts Junior Classical League
Executive Board Meeting
February 4th, 2006
UMASS Amherst
Minutes taken by Jane Newbold, Secretary 2005-2006

In Attendance:

Executive Board Officers

Yucong Ma, President 2005-2006
Vanessa Durand, First Vice-President 2005-2006
Tahisha Desir, Second Vice-President 2005-2006
Jane Newbold, Secretary 2005-2006
Charlie Burke, Treasurer 2005-2006
Carissa Williams, Parliamentarian 2005-2006
Meseret Oldjira, Historian 2005-2006
Carl Kubler, Publications Editor 2005-2006
Zack Sheppard, Technical Coordinator 2005-2006

National JCL Officers:

Rachel Singh, Publications Editor 2005-2006

State Chairs/Sponsors:

Janet Fillion, State Chair (Boston Latin Academy)
Peter Cohee, Sponsor (Boston Latin School)
Marjorie Keeley, State Chair (Mt. Greylock Regional High School)

Guests:

Audane Leger, Boston Latin Academy
Kerri Bisaga, Boston Latin Academy
Christine Williams, mother of Carissa Williams

Minutes:

9:59: The Minutes and the meeting's agenda are distributed.

10:04: Connie calls the meeting to order; the Board peruses the Minutes.

10:06: Corrections are made to the Minutes.

10:14: Charles moves to accept minutes, Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

10:15: Carl gives the Publication Editor's report.

--Another issue of the *Forum Factorum* has been released.

--Perhaps information that is sent out with the *Forum* in handout form ought to be included in the *Forum* itself; requests could be sent out by email.

--The deadline for contributions to the next issue is February 18th.

--Information about schools who attended Certamen Scrimmages (e.g. at BLS and BLA) for the first time, and other 'first-timers', could also be included.

--In each issue, there ought to be a list of the current member Chapters of the MassJCL, or simply those that have registered since the previous issue.

- 10:21: Jane moves to accept the Publication Editor's report, Meseret seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:22: Meseret gives the Historian's report.
- Currently, she is finding quotes from *Aeneid* for the Scrapbook and collecting photos from past MassJCL events.
 - She will start on the scrapbook itself around mid-March, making the cover and so forth, and needs helpers.
 - The most help, however, is needed in contacting schools for photos and memorabilia.
- 10:23: Tahisha moves to accept the Historian's report, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:24: Carissa gives the Parliamentarian's report.
- She had written a letter requesting amendments, which has born fruit.
- 10:25: Carissa passes out copies of the Constitution and proposed amendments to the Board.
- 10:25: The Board discusses the first amendment, which deals with the State of Emergency resulting from an insufficient number of candidates for a particular office; corrections are made to the wording.
- 10:42: The Board makes corrections to wording of the section concerning qualifications for holding an office on the MassJCL Executive Board.
- 11:02: Charlie moves to put these proposed amendments on ballot, Carl seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- The Board tables discussion of amendments concerning contests and who oversees each until next year (2006-2007).
- 11:03: Tahisha moves to accept the Parliamentarian's report, Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:04: Zack gives the Technical Coordinator's report:
- The Website Contest is well underway, though it is still open for late websites to register by sending the website address and intent to participate.
 - Concerning the problems with the officer email accounts emails (three officers lost the majority of their stored email), they likely resulted from repairs done to the email service provider.
 - Restoration of the lost data would erase the emails dated since New Year's for all officers; important emails at risk need to be saved before January 22nd, and no important emails sent using one's account until after that date.
 - The Board approves his request to ask a Computer Science professor as an additional unbiased judge for the Website Contest.
- 11:13: Carl moves to accept the Technical Coordinator's report, Charlie seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:14: Charlie gives the Treasurer's report.
- 32 schools have registered by the date of this meeting, including one from NY—Albany Academy—with two members. Notable among the missing is BC High.
 - Classics Day was profitable this year.
 - Charlie is all up to date with the MassJCL financial records.

- 11:17: The Board discusses fun ways to emphasize membership and membership gains at the State Convention.
- The best idea is to give little awards of recognition (not to be factors in the whole-school Trophy Contest) to new schools and those significantly increasing in membership.
 - Categories for these informal awards would include:
 - Greatest membership among new schools at Convention.
 - Greatest increase in membership (percentage-wise).
 - Smallest school, membership-wise.
 - Another important suggestion is the recognition of all new sponsors, or at least any sponsor who comes under Paula Smith Sponsor Scholarship.
- 11:22: Zack moves to accept the Treasurer's report, Carl seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:23: Tahisha gives the 2nd Vice-President's report.
- 11:23: Charlie moves to accept the 2nd Vice-President's report, Carl seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:24: Vanessa gives the 1st Vice-President's report.
- Having mostly recovered from Classics Day, she is focusing on the upcoming *Rome's Birthday on the Common* event.
 - She would like a more party-like feel, to increase the fun for participants, and more publicity—maybe even TV coverage—for the event.
 - She has reprinted the Publicity Contest rules, which are labyrinthine; she plans on writing an explanatory letter to the Chapters for it and include advertisement for the Rome's Birthday event.
 - She'd like to publicize what's possible by acknowledging creative schools.
- 11:29: The Board discusses Community Outreach and defines certain terms as follows: needs to define these things
- Outreach is public education about Latin or JCL—i.e. latin-themed Service.
 - Service concerns JCLers doing things to benefit a local community.
 - It is important to add definitions to such contests to their rules, as was discussed at the November Executive Board meeting.
- 11:34: The Board postpones further work on such contests until the summer. Connie reminds the Board that contest descriptions are in the State Convention packet. It is noted that the Board will have a better perspective after judging the contests. [For the record, the benefit of such work on contest rules is the standardization of such rules from year to year, an unprecedented achievement in the MassJCL.]
- 11:36: The Board asks that each officer write a month-by-month report on his or her official activities for the year for Carissa; at the State Convention, each would then present a two-minute summary of the report to the General Assembly.
- 11: 41: The Board brainstorms how to best utilize these reports; ideas include posting them on the website or its forum, placing copies on the tables at the State Convention, and mailing them to prefiled candidates and sponsors.
- 11:44: Carl requests short blurbs, 100-200 words apiece, from each officer on his or her job to put in the *Forum*; the deadline is February 18th. A longer version (700+ words)—the written report—is due to Carissa by April 8th.

- 11:51: The Board proposes the creation of a handbook for each new officer. Tahisha moves to accept the Parliamentarian's report, Charlie seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:54: Carl moves to accept the 1st Vice-President's report, Tahisha seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:55: Connie gives the President's report.
--Since November, she has been working on the State Convention schedule, and has now put together the packet itself.
- 11: 56: Jane moves to accept the President's report, Charlie seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:56: Charlie moves to adjourn for lunch, Carl seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 1:00: Connie calls the meeting to order.
- 1:01: The Board discusses MA candidates for NJCL offices; this year, Tahisha will be running for 2nd Vice-President. Carissa passes out copies of Tahisha's completed application.
- 1:02: Tahisha presents her speech. Highlights of her qualifications include her strong experience in volunteer work, important since the NJCL Spirit Office leans more towards Service than Spirit; her communication with the current NJCL Spirit Officer; her fine pair of lungs; her numerous ideas; and her contagious enthusiasm and dedication to JCL.
- 1:05: Tahisha leaves room, and the Board discusses her candidacy.
- 1:08: Tahisha returns; Vanessa moves to accept Tahisha as the 2006 MassJCL candidate for NJCL office, Jane seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 1:12: Tahisha discusses the state of planning for the Semi-Formal MassJCL Dance.
--She needs \$800 dollars to hold the dance, but so far she's short 25 attendees she needs to break even (50 are planning to attend so far).
--The Board assures her that money is not a problem; the benefits of publicity and community building outweigh the cost.
--Her policy is not to accept anyone at the door.
--Various Board members volunteer to talk to friends at other schools to increase attendance at the dance.
- 1:22: Tahisha discusses details of what the money is needed for, and states that fifty is a sufficient number of attendees, but it would be nice to have more.
- 1:26: Tahisha will send out the necessary forms by email to the officers. There is further discussion about dance details, and it is decided to extend the deadline for registering for the dance to next Friday.
- 1:31: Connie passes around a copy of the State Convention Packet.
--The State Convention will start in the morning on Friday.
--Academic tests and creative contests have been split up to allow students to participate in more if they so desire.
- 1:40: Details of the schedule and events are discussed; Vanessa, Charlie, and Carissa volunteer to oversee a scavenger hunt for the younger attendees.
- 1:45: The informal vote to have a scavenger hunt in place of Romapalooza passes.
- 1:49: The Board continues to discuss Convention details:

--General Assembly I will be very rushed.

--Chaperones pay \$85.00 total, minus \$25 for those who don't stay overnight.

--JCLers will pay \$110.00.

1:57: Vanessa moves to allow people to participate in both options for particular art categories [e.g. Black or White for Pencil], Zack seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

2:01: The Board discusses the T-Shirt contest; Jane distributes copies of the submissions to the Board.

--Issues of printing include using 'No-sweat' t-shirts, time it takes to print, how many colors to be used, etc.

1:15: Charlie moves to approve the BLA submission, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

1:17: Tahisha moves to adjourn, Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.