

The Massachusetts Junior Classical League  
Executive Board Meeting  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

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)  
Ms. Bauer, State Chair (Pierce Middle School)  
Tamara Yourk, Sponsor (Turkey Hill Middle School)

Guests:

Audane Leger, Boston Latin Academy  
Kerri Bisaga, Boston Latin Academy

Minutes:

- 10:00: The Minutes and the meeting's agenda are distributed.  
10:14: Connie calls the meeting to order; the Board peruses the Minutes.  
10:17: Corrections are made to the Minutes.  
10:25: Carl moves to accept the Minutes, Charlie seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.  
10:26: Zack gives the Technical Coordinator's report:  
--He is continuing to update the website, and has resolved the officer email problem.  
--The website contest will have results half way through April; at the moment, Zack is still contacting third party judges.  
--Problems to be resolved include the need to update the themes for English Oratory and the Costume Contest on the website, and to investigate the new email problem.  
10:30: Zack passes around paper for members of the Board to record their personal email addresses; with this information, particularly important emails can be sent to both officers' official and personal email addresses.

- 10:30: Carissa moves to accept the Technical Coordinator's report, Tahisha seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:31: Carl gives the Publication Editor's report:  
--The third issue of the *Forum Factorum* has been printed; he needs an updated list of where to send them to.
- 10:32: Carl passes out issues of the *Forum* to the Board; the Board peruses the *Forum*.
- 10:35: Tahisha moves to accept the Publication Editor's report, Jane seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:36: Meseret gives the Historian's report:  
--She has printed out all of the photos from the last NJCL Convention, and acquired the different types of paper for the Scrapbook.  
--Her biggest problem is that she hasn't received any Scrapbook submissions from any of the MassJCL chapters; she entreats the Board's aid in acquiring them.  
--Currently, she is working on the Scrapbook's cover design.
- 10:38: The Board recommends that individual officers send a confirmation email whenever they receive an important email.
- 10:38: Car moves to accept the Historian's report, Charlie seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:39: Carissa gives the Parliamentarian's report:  
--Currently, she has one prefiled candidate apiece for the offices of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Editor, and Treasurer.  
--There are no prefiled candidates yet for offices of Historian, Secretary, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; the deadline is coming up next week.  
--She herself may run for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President or that of Historian.
- 10:44: The Board discusses potential candidates that can be encouraged to run; Jane will not be present at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, so there is an opportunity for a candidate for Secretary to gain some practical experience
- 10:45: The Board considers having the Chapters vote during Fellowship at the State Convention to save time.  
--The Board requests that Carl put together an informational flier about this year's prefiled candidates, including pictures, the number of State/National Conventions attended, and a silly question.
- 10:52: In the event that Carissa runs for another office, Connie and Carl will cover the voting procedure.
- 10:53: Charlie moves to accept the Parliamentarian's report, Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:54: Charlie gives the Treasurer's report:  
--A great deal of money is flowing in and out for State Convention (total cost will lie between \$30,000 and \$40,000)  
--Some schools still owe money for the State Convention.
- 10:58: The Board continues to discuss details about MassJCL finances.
- 10:59: Carl moves to accept the Treasurer's report, Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes.
- 11:00: Tahisha gives the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's report:

- The MassJCL Semi-Formal dance held right before February vacation went well; 78 students from six schools attended, and the venue was well decorated thanks to various helpers.
  - The lost to MassJCL (between \$200-\$500) will be offset by the \$81.00 profit from selling snacks.
  - Improvements for next year's dance should include an easier-to-reach location, a date set further in advance, and potentially the inclusion of middle-school students.
- 11:06: Vanessa moves to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's report, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:07: Vanessa gives the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's report:
- Concerning *Rome's Birthday on the Common*, she has applied for the appropriate permit and is waiting to hear back from the proper authorities.
  - Activities for the event will include small orations, skits, and a picnic.
  - She needs to publicize *Rome's Birthday* soon within the MassJCL organization to get more attendees.
  - Next year it might be better to hold this event at the Boston Public Gardens.
- 11:10: Carissa moves to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's report, Charlie seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:11: Connie gives the President's report:
- She has been working on the goody bags for the State Convention; possible contents include key chains and JCL/Latin-themed temporary tattoos. The bags might be the tote bags included in the lunches bought for Friday.
  - There has also been further refinement of the State Convention schedule.
- 11:17: Zack moves enthusiastically to accept the President's report, Carl seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 11:18: The Board discusses the CAM meeting where Paula Smith will be honored.
- Held on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Worcester, the meeting will include a presentation by Rachel Singh, Connie, Ms. Fillion, and Ms. Bauer about Ms. Smith.
  - Those who wish to attend for the day will have the opportunity to also have a tour of the Higgs Armory, lunch, and a seat at three different talks on various Classical subjects.
- 11:25: Ms. Bauer distributes a descriptive page about the status of Academic Testing at the State Convention to the Board.
- 11:26: Eight of the MassJCL officers will be coming to State Convention a night early to help set up the following morning; the Board discusses rooming arrangements. :
- 11:29: Evan Broder, the NJCL Technical Coordinator has accepted MassJCL's invitation to attend the MassJCL State Convention; he has expressed interest in helping the Officers with their judging.
- 11:30: The Board chooses filler activities for 3:00-6:00 pm period on Friday night; each occurs twice (2:00-3:30; 4:00-5:30):
- A walking tour of the UMASS Amherst campus for the older students.
  - A scavenger or treasure hunt.
  - A workshop by Evan on website design and/or Digital Scrapbooks, which must be attended by a certain portion of each Chapter delegation.
- 11:38: The Board discusses further changes to the times for the Friday schedule.

- 11:48: Ms. Fillion brings up a further complication to the State Convention plans, namely a smaller number of SCLers attending this year.
- Ways to compensate include extra work for the Executive Board members and acquiring the assistance of Amherst Classics teachers and students.
- 11:55: The Board mulls over the good news that Barnstable, a new MassJCL Chapter, is attending State Convention along an experienced JCL sponsor, recently hired, who is already becoming active in the MassJCL.
- 11:59: Charlie moves to bring Evan Broder to our MassJCL Convention this year at UMASS Amherst, Zack seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 12:02: Zack moves to adjourn for lunch, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 1:00: Connie calls the meeting to order.
- 1:02: The Board brainstorms about this year's State Convention newsletter, title yet unknown. Contents will include:
- Meet the Candidates* section, with the appropriate candidate headshots.
  - A crossword puzzle, and a Sodoku with Roman numerals.
  - Clues for the scavenger hunt.
  - Some type of ad for Evan or the NJCL Convention.
- 1:12: The Board turns its attention to planning the Officer skit for *That's Entertainment*. At this time, the details are confidential.
- 1:17: Ms. Bauer discusses the status of all involving Academic Testing:
- Awards have been ordered.
  - The SCL has sent over the majority of the exams, which will be graded with the scan machine from BLS.
  - Ms. Lanouette, the judge for the scholarship contest for attendance at the NJCL convention, will be tiring from that duty after this year; the Board will give her a gift such as a giftcard to Barnes&Nobles and a thank note or three.
  - The Certamen questions, written by the Texas JCL, have not yet arrived.
- 1:22: The Board discusses Certamen and the strong need for wild card teams this year, and then moves on to who will cover Art and Certamen Registration.
- 1:28: Ms. Fillion informs the Board that 342 students, 15 schools, and 9 applicants for the Paula Smith Scholarship will attend the State Convention.
- 1:31: The Board briefly reviews the T-Shirt Contest; Ms. Fillion shows the Board the revised State t-shirt designs.
- The sizes to be ordered are 10 extra small; 20 smalls; 35 medium; 20 large; 10 extra large; and 5 extra, extra large.
  - The colors are royal blue, white, tan, navy, and grey; they will be printed on 'No Sweat' t-shirts, and sold for \$12.00 a shirt.
  - The Board notes that students should be encouraged to bring money to the State Convention so that they can buy their State T-shirt.
- 1:37: The Board revisits miscellaneous needs, such as room and equipment for Evan's visit.
- The clues for the scavenger hunt should be placed early Friday morning on the bottom two hotel floors.
  - A SCLer is needed to watch over the ipod for the dance.

--Money is needed to get the sound equipment for the dance.

1:47: The Board discusses *That's Entertainment* and potential scheduling conflicts. The time period for auditions has been extended to 9:30 AM Friday.

1:53: Ms. Bauer moves to adjourn the meeting, Zack seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.