

*Final MassJCL Meeting  
Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center  
Sturbridge, MA  
12 April 2015*

**Present Board Members:**

Connie Chang, BLS, President  
Julia Pan, BLS, 1st Vice President  
Hanna Seariac, AMSA, 2nd Vice President  
Veena Lagare, BLA, Historian  
Linda Qin, BLS, Publications Editor  
Abena Oworae, AKF, Secretary  
Mary Abrahamyan, AMSA, Treasurer  
Daniel Packer, MTG, Parliamentarian  
Dalena Nguyen, BLA, Technical Coordinator

**State Chairs:**

Janet Fillion, BLA  
Viet Luong, BLA  
Anne Nelson, AKF  
Nancy Sinacola, At-large  
Tamara Bauer, At-large

**Guests:**

Dustin Brownell, BLS, Sponsor  
Beth Moguel, BLS, Sponsor  
Sheri Hausey, BLS, Sponsor  
Sal Bartoloma, BLS, Sponsor  
Mary Elizabeth DeCamp, Winchester, Sponsor  
Allyson Ping, BLS  
Daniel Sherman, BLS  
Maia Austin, Winchester  
Vikiana Petit-Homme, BLA  
Ted Atkinson

9:53- Connie begins meeting.

9:54- Officer reports begin.

9:54- Mary states that we have \$30,015.33 in our account. We did not break even at Midnight Masquerade, but lost \$580.94.

9:55- Dan has received all candidacy forms.

9:55- Julia received 3 publicity binders: Mount Greylock, Winchester, BLS. For BLA, Veena sent some pictures for publicity, but not a full publicity binder.

9:56- Dr. Nelson states that AKF mailed their publicity binder on March 30th. Dr. Nelson is told that the Convention Rulebook on the website contained the address for last year's First Vice President. That issue has since been remedied.

9:57- Julia messages Jeffrey concerning the missing AKF publicity binder.

9:58- Julia has received five video submissions.

9:59- Linda received publications submissions from seven schools: AKF, BLA, BLS, AMSA, Winchester, Mount Greylock, Rising Tide.

9:59- Linda wants to create a Snapchat geofilter- which would allow people at Convention to see Convention-related pictures.

10:01- Connie and the other board members think the geofilter is a good idea.

10:02- Veena is planning a light cover for the scrapbook. She needs pictures from the Midnight Masquerade. Connie says that Veena could get pictures from Will Burnett, the MassJCL Flickr, and Hanna.

10:03- Julia asks Ms. Fillion about the BLA publicity binder. Ms. Fillion states that the website and 2 pictures Julia has received from Veena are BLA's complete publicity submission.

10:04- Dalena informs the board that the MassJCL website crashed on March 27th because of significant traffic. The technical issues have been resolved. The deadline of the individual website submissions is the first day of Convention, and Dalena doesn't feel comfortable about that.

10:05- Ms. Luong says that the deadline for the individual website submissions should be a week before, but Connie says that officers can help Dalena complete individual website submissions' judging.

10:06- Dalena chose a poll for the website.

10:06- Hanna begins report. The loss of \$580.94 was less than Hanna expected for the Midnight Masquerade. More people came, but less people pre-registered and those who pre-registered did not pay early because they were not required to.

10:07- Ms. Bauer says that in the future everyone who pre-registers should pay at that time.

10:08- Hanna suggests that for next year the price for the dance be as such: \$15 pre-registration, \$20 at door. Hanna says that she received positive feedback from the staff that the dance-goers were well-behaved.

10:09- Ms. Bauer states that the chairs do not believe that the dance should occur at all.

10:09- Hanna received three submissions for the MassJCL challenge. Hanna asks that we talk to club members to get them to submit.

10:10- She says that there was a lot of confusion about her Convention spirit themes so she will judge loosely. She will talk about spirit at community service workshop. Hanna also decides that she will make a packet (or as suggested by Ms. Sinicola, a Frequently Asked Questions sheet) thoroughly explaining the themes.

10:11- She says that Saturday spirit will be judged at the GA.

10:12- Connie has updated the Convention Rulebook. She rectified the situation with Dan's mailing address.

10:13- Ms. Fillion asks what can be done about multimedia submissions, which are being sent to former officer, Chrisso. She says that Connie should email sponsors for those who have sent multimedia submissions to Chrisso.

10:14- Ms. Bauer says that we should ask Chrisso if he has received any.

10:15- Ms. Luong says that the multimedia submissions should have to be uploaded to YouTube. For next year that change should be added to the multimedia submission guidelines.

10:16- Connie will send a Facebook message to Chrisso concerning the multimedia submissions. She will also send an email to all 5 state chairs asking them to inform sponsors about the issues concerning multimedia submissions.

10:16- Ms. Bauer made the Convention goodie bags. Mary was in agreement with Ms. Bauer's choices. The bags will contain: purple badge holder, room for phone, program folded the long way, place for pen and pencil, gold foil pencil, water bottle with covered tip.

10:20- Mary asks if it might be possible to roll the bags into the water bottle. Ms. Fillion is going to come early to get the bags ready. If there is time she will put people's names in the bags.

10:25- Ms. Bauer says that the Convention program needs to be redone. We have two new hotel workers to deal with at convention. Dr. Nelson and Ms. Sinicola met with the new individuals, and got program started. Copies of the program prototype are passed out. Meals are costing \$75 per person, and soda is now allowed.

10:31- Ms. Fillion says that delegates who want vegetarian meals need to sign up for them in advance.

10:31- Ms. Bauer says that the hotel is making 150% of all food for the Convention population. The food will be self-serve with attendants on guard. A list of those with food concerns will be given to hotel, and their special meals will be brought to them. Vending machines will be stocked. Pizza places in Sturbridge close at 10, so there is no ordering at night, the hotel will have snacks for sale on Friday and Saturday night instead. We are sending everyone to bed early for their health and safety this Convention: 11:45 PM call to floors, 12:00 AM call to rooms. Delegates are not allowed to go to McDonald's and/or Burger King; we will inform sponsors of this. However, adults are allowed to go to those fast food places and can bring things back for their kids; this is discouraged, since we are spending a lot of money on food this year.

10:37- Ms. Husey says that we should put it in the program that delegates are not allowed to go off the premises, and that we should also state specifically forbidden places.

10:38- Mr. Brownell asks if we should rather state where delegates are allowed. At the first GA, we could address all these rules.

10:39- Ms. Hausey suggests that students should not be assigned to rooms with balconies or sliding doors.

10:40- Ms. Bauer says that the hotel is doing room assignments.

10:40- Mr. Atkinson says that in this new location more supervision is needed. Perhaps, keys can be collected at certain times.

10:41- Ms. Bauer says that since there are fewer delegates, we will need fewer adults to supervise.

10:41- Ms. Hausey suggests that delegates should be allowed only an hour in their rooms during the day.

10:41- Dr. Nelson says that delegates should have to sign out and in to return to their rooms.

10:42- It is suggested that unless a delegate is with a sponsor, they should not be allowed to return to their room.

10:42- Ms. Bauer says that we will be unable to monitor each delegate so closely, so there should just be a patrol to listen for sounds of parties or other inappropriate behavior in the rooms.

10:44- Ms. Hausey says that the seclusion of the bedrooms is a problem that needs to be further discussed.

10:44- Ms. Bauer says that for time's sake we should return to the topic of delegates' rooms later.

10:46- The Hawthorne Exhibit Hall will be used for GAs. The back of the room will have pipes and drapes with tables for judging behind the curtains and keeping projects safe. We must put in the program that on Saturday evening on our way out of the GA there will be about 15 minutes to pick up art pieces before That's Entertainment. GA will take place in a different location on Sunday. The swimming contest will take place from 5-6:30 AM. We must ask that the hotel get swimmers bagged lunches.

10:49- There will be a shuttle back and forth from the Y. We have to see whether we can separate the loops by sexes, and have two loops.

10:50- Ms. Bauer is going to see about lifeguards for the paddleboats. She will call on Monday. Ms. Bauer should remind sponsors that the Y's pool is the full 25 yards; this fact may mean that a stopwatch won't be needed to see the winner. Ms. Bauer says that as long as there is an attendant on watch, people can hang out in the pool. However, sponsors have the option to bar their delegates from the pool. Mini golf will be unsupervised. We will be hiring two nurses, and teachers will bring medical forms. We will be using the Oxford tavern patio for storage of chariots (10 or fewer). Before first GA, Dan will get candidates' receipts, and the receipts will be put into a special box with Ms. Fillion and taken to the board room. Contest registration and academic testing will be in the exhibit hall foyer. We have ordered 600 Nationals-style lap boards for academic testing. The Oxford room will be the room for proctor/sponsor meetings,

academic testing in exhibit hall. That's Entertainment will be in either the courtyard or the American Grille.

11:04- If outdoor weather is not good, wedding will be in the courtyard.

11:05- Fellowship rooms need to be sorted out.

11:07- Dr. Nelson says that the mile run should be outside from 7-8 AM.

11:08- The gladiator games are taken out. Ludi will be volleyball and golf. It needs to be checked whether the hotel provides volleyballs.

11:11- Ms. Sinacola says some adults should have roving duty outdoors . Perhaps, board games and other such entertainment should be brought. Costume Contest and English Oratory are at the same time in morning.

11:12- There are only 50 spots for impromptu art; there will be a sign-up ahead of time. Sight reading is limited to 10 delegates per school.

11:15- There is further talk about the need for signing up early because of limited spots for some events.

11:18- Ms. Bauer will delegate judges.

11:19- Mary will come along with Ms. Bauer to run swimming Olympika.

11:20- Hanna and Narayan will put on a community service workshop. Letters for Soldiers will be done in courtyard or seminar room, if possible.

11:21- If you are a sight reader, you can't do Olympika, or Open Certamen simultaneously.

11:25- Letters to Soldiers will be at the same time as That's Entertainment rehearsal.

11:28- There is discussion about who will DJ. It is decided that the movie will be Big Hero 6, which we will get on laptop.

11:31- It is decided that there is no bazaar for selling things. We will just sell state t-shirts. Snacks will be provided during dance in courtyard.

11:33- We need a projector, speakers, and someone to run the movie. Linda will run the movie. We can provide our own A/V stuff or use a subcontractor (which might get very expensive). Connie will get the A/V stuff. Connie and Hanna will be in charge of A/V. A projector is needed for open forum.

11:37- Ms. Fillion says that teachers may be able to get projectors. A cart is needed for projectors and extension cords. We need two projectors. Ms. Fillion will bring one, and another BLS teacher will bring projector. Only the theater has screens. We would have to rent screen.

11:40- Hanna asks if we should cut videos at GA.

11:40- Ms. Bauer has to remind sponsors that nothing can go on walls. We will ask the hotel for signs.

11:41- Tim set up website sign-up. Those who have signed up for Convention at this point: 3 out 5 chairs, 6 schools out of the 12, 1 BLS teacher (not in the room). The website for signing up is froghelmet.com/massjcl. Dalena and Ted can put on sign up website on MassJCL website.

Tomorrow morning at 8 AM student registrations will be put up. On Thursday, other adults can

sign up; on the 20th the SCL sign up will go up; on the 27th at 10 PM, Monday registrations close.

11:44- Ms. Hausey says that sponsors can access what students have signed up for what, and they have to approve the students.

11:45- We break for lunch.

1:00- Connie calls second part of meeting to order.

1:01- Guitar Center: \$900 security, \$400 rental, before tax. Connie doesn't think they have screens. We would be renting 2 speakers.

1:02- At Guitar Center they can use the card on file or Ms. Bauer could bring the card to the location for payment.

1:02- Dr. Nelson can make trips back and forth for speakers.

1:04- Ms. Fillion asks whether we should utilize the Guitar Center in Worcester or the one in Boston. Hanna will call the Blackstone Valley Guitar Center.

1:04- Ms. Bauer will not be able to drive out to Worcester to show card.

1:05- Ms. Bauer tells Mary to write check for Guitar Center. Mary will write another check to Guertin Graphics for the t-shirts.

1:06- The credit card will probably not be needed until the day the equipment is returned.

1:08- Those who call the Guitar Centers should email the information uncovered to the chairs.

1:08- Equipment will be set up during dinner time before GA.

1:09- Ms. Hausey says that the first thing to be done when the equipment is picked up is to check if it works.

1:10- Mary and Hanna might be able to get excused absences to pick up Boston equipment. Hanna says that the equipment is tested in front of you.

1:11- Ms. Hausey says that they should ask Guitar Center about pull down screens.

1:12- Ms. Fillion will also ask the hotel about pull down screens.

1:13- It is discussed that the officer speeches should not be overly personal, and should take only about a minute or two thanking adults and delegates.

1:15- Delegates should have luggage packed on Sunday morning. They need to hand in their room keys before breakfast. We need to ask the hotel about a place to store luggage.

1:22- For the next dance (this year's Midnight Masquerade), a chair has to be there to take the money.

1:24- Hanna will put in 2nd VP binder that a chair needs to be present at the dance to collect money.

1:25- We go on a tour of the hotel.

1:53- We return from the tour. There is discussion with Ms. Bauer about questions for the hotel. We can put some card and board games in courtyard; BLS may be able to provide some of these games.

1:56- Ms. Fillion will try to figure out how to separate rooms by sexes.

2:00- Ms. Sinicola will stay for a few minutes after the meeting to check about Certamen rooms.

2:04- Ms. Sinicola says we need nine rooms for Certamen. The issue is resolved by using Southbridge room.

2:05- The meeting is adjourned.