

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Transitional Executive
Board Meeting
Saturday, May 19, 2012
AMSA

I. Call to Order: 10:27 am

II. Attendance: 10:28 am

Board Members:

Samantha Collette-	Previous 2 nd Vice President, LUN
Pearl Sutter-	Previous Secretary, MTG
Meghana Vagwala-	Previous Treasurer, AMSA
Kim Dilego-	Previous Historian, MTG
Rahi Punjabi-	Previous Publications Editor, Current President, AMSA
Artem Nurlat-	Previous Technical Coordinator, AMSA
Maddie Kilgannon-	Current 1 st Vice President BLS
Katelin Marchand-	Current 2 nd Vice President MTG
Jason Rowley-	Current Secretary LUN
Aaron Ziemer-	Current Treasurer MTG
Ava Violich-	Current Historian BLS
Joana Jankulla-	Current Publications Editor BLA
Jeffrey Dubvisson-	Current Technical Coordinator BLS

State Chairs:

Anne Nelson, AKF
Tamara Bauer, FRA
Janet Fillion, BLA
Viet Luong, BLA
Nancy Sinacola, AMSA
Marjorie Keeley (Previous Chair), MTG

Fan Club:

Catherine Foley
Sheri Hausey

Guests:

Henry Tsang, BLS
John Nguyen, AKF
Georgie Contreras, BLA

III. Officer/Chair Reports: 10:29am

Meghana: Treasurer Report:

- Final amount in the MAJCL account for the 2011-2012 school year – \$18,000
- This year the account was maintained well and officers were punctually reimbursed officers

Rahi: Online Etiquette

- Sending emails to sponsors are to be sent as blind carbon copies for sponsors like for the state publication contest.
- When you send an email write your name, position on the board, year, MAJCL. Do not leave contact info.
- Be aware of what you are posting online it reflects on the organization.
- Sam is handing over the officer twitter account and giving it to Katelin Marchand to maintain.
- Rahi created a survey on Survey Monkey for the State Convention attendees (10 questions) so that we can get feedback from different sources. Spread the word.
- Contact sheet will be prepared with contact information following selection of parliamentarian

Rahi: *Forum Musarum* Literary Magazine

- Compendium of award winning artwork and writing from states. The magazine should be done by early June.
- AMSA students took pictures on behalf of Rahi of the artwork at convention for the stylus and water paint.
- AMSA is getting all of the artwork on a PowerPoint for viewing on the website like in the magazine.

State Chairs: Costume Contest Proposed Change to Rules

- Next year all contestants should bring an envelope containing not only a receipt of expenses, but also a picture of the costume
- This is keeping with the national rules.

Maddie: Classics Day:

- The 2012 Classics Day will be held on Thursday, December 6 at Boston University. The theme is “The Classical Arts” and includes topics such as theatre and music.
- Maddie is debating whether having a Greek play instead of the first workshop and then having the second session and the skits at the normal time.
- Harvard Classics Club is a back-up performance choice if the BU Theatre Department cannot put on the show.
- We can open the large ballroom to hold another 150 people.
- Letters are to be sent to professors by the end of the school year and having a list of professors presenting by the end of the summer.
- Maddie will be contacting people for instruments and hiring people to play the instruments.

Maddie: Publicity:

- YouTube page for MAJCL with views for a new contest at State Convention.
- There are to be two different prizes; one for the most views and one for the best video.
- Reminders for publicity binder submissions to nationals before June 1st. Deadline dates in one email, making all deadlines for June 1st?

Joana: Forum Factorum

- The first issue of the Forum Factorum is almost completed. There is one last article to edit. Everything but the academic stats is listed.
- Around six-hundred copies should be made.
- The Forum Factorum is to be sent to every school in MAJCL.
- Contact sheets for schools receiving the Forum Factorum will be given to her from Rahi.

Joana/Rahi: Stationary

- Including information about the State Chairs in the contact section (decreasing font size for all of the other members of the Executive Board). Joana is planning to keep the addresses at the bottom on the last page.

Chairs' Report

- Deposits from late registrations for State Convention have been given to Meghana.
- A Sponsor manual should be done by middle of August to improve communication on the website for information for events like Classics Day, BLS Certamen, etc.
- At State Convention delegates running for office should dress up on stage professionally. Girls' dress length was a problem. In the future, officer attire should be job interview style at all events.
- How to get the t-shirts down for Nationals? Katelin might be able to talk some in her car.

IV. State Parliamentarian Vacancy: 11:03am

- Voting concluded that Emma McMahon is the 2012-2013 MAJCL Parliamentarian.

V. NJCL Officer Candidate: 12:05pm

- Meghana gives her speech to the board regarding running for National Communications Coordinator.
- Ideas include setting up a blog and others
- Voting concluded that Meghana Vagwala will be the MA 2012 candidate for national office and will be running for Communications Coordinator this summer

VI. Other Business: 12:28pm

Future Meeting Dates and Locations-

- July 7th at the Lunenburg Public Library
- August 25th at AMSA for September mailing packet
- November 17th at Franklin High School for Classics Day
- February 2nd (Snow Date is February 9th) at AKF for the Constitutional Amendments, National Candidate, etc.
- April 6th at Barnstable High School for Convention

IV. State Convention Overview: 12:51pm

Olympika

- There was a huge clash between Olympika and Certamen. There should be heats for the sprinting events (like we do for swimming Olympika) towards the beginning and end so that Certamen players can run.
- Emulate AKF convention (States 2010) Olympika organization, which used stop watches (which are MUST for next year) and recorded times from various heats, and didn't just declare places at the end of one race without getting down the times (which prevents more people from running in a later heat).
- The schedule should not be so broad and should be thought through ahead of time.
- There should be more adults so that it is more organized.
- Because boys go before girls in all Olympika, this should be noted so that female athletes don't have to waste time waiting once they report to the pool/track.

Academic Testing

- Academic testing with parents didn't work out as well as it should have for various reasons: parents are unfamiliar with the location and often don't take action to recognize and stop cheating.
- The tests themselves were very organized – thank you Ms. Luong!
- New ideas:
- Moving testing to Saturday so that the lull in Saturday afternoon is occupied
- Divided testing sessions would be nice but there is not enough space on Saturday to accommodate testers and this might cause students to skip tests unnoticed.
- Certamen can be broken up (2 prelims in the morning, 1 in the afternoon) and not near main hallways.

Scheduling

- Everyone is up too late so an 11:30 curfew may prove useful for younger kids.
- Busses during the dance made it extremely more organized.
- Usual concern with JCLers arriving at hotel late at night disrupting the people who are non-JCLers staying at the hotel.
- Cut things from GA can cause them to go smoother.

Whole-school Contests/ Contest Rules-

- Community Service should not account for a club member's personal hours, and should only count hours done by club members
- Judging for whole school contests happened between 1 and 2am this year and needs to be handled better in the future
- Officer in charge should hand out rubrics so his/her committee knows what to judge. Use the rubrics from Nationals!
- Originally the judges for contests were three members of the Board who represented a small, medium, and large school, but with the lack of small schools on the board, this rule has become moot.
- It should be helpful to have a sponsor at the contest to deal with judging discrepancies.
- Food was better than last year – generally no complaints except over the sandwiches on Friday night.

- Officers should be able to eat, drink, and sleep during Convention!!
- Executive Board should have food delivered to the cave in order to save time from walking over to the cafeteria and back.
- Food in the cave allows for working lunches.
- Officer curfews?
- Schools need to arrive earlier to Convention.

V. National Convention Preparations:

1:56pm

Spirit Party

- Is being held on June 23, 2012 at Buffumville in Charleton, MA on a lake. Friday June 29 may be a better date for the spirit party because of conflicts.

Nationals Spirit Themes and Budgets

- Friday- JCL, my better half
- Saturday- "Wright" Day
- Sunday- JCLers are the Kreme of the Krop
- Monday- Live life in the Past Lane (Toga Day)
- Board votes on a \$500 budget for Katelin to be spent the spirit props and party.
- Subsidies for Officers (Incoming and Exiting), Chairs, Teachers, and Certamen Coaches- set at \$250 for 25 people

VI. Meeting adjourned:

2:17 pm