

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting  
Held on Sunday, May 27, 2007 at the Double Tree Hotel in Westborough, MA

**In attendance:**

Executive Board Members:

- Rebecca Gwaltney (Notre Dame Academy) 2007-2008 President
- Mark McNally (Catholic Memorial High School) 2007-2008 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Jacob Meister (Boston Latin School) 2007-2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Grace Thomas (Turkey Hill Middle School) 2007-2008 Secretary
- Anthony Pan (Boston Latin Academy) 2007-2008 Treasurer
- David Rosenthal (Mt. Greylock Regional High School) 2007-2008 Parliamentarian
- Maria Centeio (Boston Latin Academy) 2007-2008 Historian
- Christopher Chan (Tewksbury Memorial High School) 2007-2008 Publications Editor
- Paula Luong (Boston Latin Academy) 2007-2008 Technical Coordinator

State Chairs/Sponsors:

- Janet Fillion (Boston Latin Academy) State Chair
- Victoria Miklosky (Barnstable High School) State Chair
- Tamara Yourk (Turkey Hill Middle School) Sponsor

Guests:

- Vanessa Durand (Boston Latin Academy) 2006-2007 President
- Carissa Williams (Lunenburg High School) 2006-2007 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Grace Laidlaw (Mt. Greylock Regional High School) 2006-2007 Secretary
- Audane Leger (Boston Latin Academy) 2006-2007 Parliamentarian
- Michaella Reif (Lunenburg High School) 2006-2007 Historian
- Zachariah Sheppard (Mt. Greylock Regional High School) 2006-2007 Technical Coordinator
- Ryan Manning (SCL) 2007-2008 MaSCL President
- Jared Hicks (Boston Latin Academy)

## Minutes:

10:40 – Meeting called to order.

10:41- Officer report starts.

10:42 – Mark McNally sent a letter to a professor and she said “No.”

10:43 – Jacob Meister expresses interest in having board meetings at hotels. He suggests having this year’s spirit party at a lake. He will see if he can reserve one. For spirit props, Jacob would like purple and gold t-shirts passed on from year to year because there is always a purple and gold day at the national convention. He announces that you are allowed to challenge other states at nationals. Ms. Fillion announces that there are no community service awards given at nationals. Jacob will compile all the cheers and send out an email in mid-June. He will also send one to national delegates about what to bring concerning spirit props and the like. He would appreciate having a group of people who know what they’re doing to help out at nationals. Also, he expresses desire in having each delegate bring 2-3 non-perishable food items for the NJCL food drive. This is to show that Massachusetts CARES!

10:53 – Convention evaluation: Attendees talk among themselves about the pros and cons.

10:56 – The meeting adjourns for lunch.

11:23 – Meeting is re-adjourned.

11:24 - Discussion of pros and cons:

1. Goodie bags – Not everyone got them.
2. Convention program – Too many TBAs
3. Map of Barnstable High School next year would be appreciated.
4. Overall, it was well run for its 1<sup>st</sup> year.

11:27 – Artwork: Ms. Fillion says the art should be in separate rooms. Ms. Miklosky suggests rooms in the 1300s and 1700s for next year. David suggests the idea of students setting up their own art, but the idea is immediately put down because it will bring favoritism from position.

11:29 – Ryan’s List of Grievances –

1. There is a need for designated spaces for art.
2. There is a need for more people, especially to move artwork. He suggests that parents should help next year.
3. There is a need for lines to stop crowding.
4. We should leave blank spots for numbers on artwork to stop confusion. Rebecca brings up David’s idea that students put their own artwork into a specified room, but with an adult watching.
5. Tags were falling off, and kids were unsure if their artwork got judged at all.
6. There should be stickers for award-winning places for the art viewing.
7. Stylus should have its own room.
8. Take up all the sign-up sheets.
9. Find out how much space we need ahead of time to fulfill the needs.

11:41 – Ms. Miklosky announces that she got two emails from schools that were both extremely positive.

11:42 – General Assemblies: The last GA was chaotic because people had to leave. Jacob says there should be a map of at least the school.

11:43 – Jacob wants the JCL song to be off-key. He claims it's meant to be bad and loud and chaotic.

11:45 – NO STAGE! Spirit was good, but the stage is off-limit. General agreement that the spirit at this past convention was excellent. Multiple attendees put forth the request that there should be a spirit orientation.

11:48 – David didn't like how the awards assembly was going on at the same time as certamen finals.

11:50 – Conspirators' Game: One major problem was that people didn't have the names of their victims with them. Rebecca, however, still likes the idea of a game connecting everyone at convention. Next year, either the game must be revised, a new game needs to be created, or we can just drop the whole idea. Maria puts forth the idea of a friendship game (who can get the most friends). Idea is put down, unanimously. Zach and David say there are loops in the game that need to be fixed.

11:53 – Meals: They were "wacked". A lot of people had stomach issues. There needs to be more food and better quality. We need to have food for vegans and vegetarians. Ms. Miklosky says there's no way you can get good quality food at any large organization. If we order out, we need to be able to balance the cost, but it's still a possibility.

11:58 – Academic Tests: Jacob says the grammar test was insanely hard for those at lower levels. Ryan suggests splitting up the grammar test. He will write two tests: one for Latin ½-2 and another for levels 3+. One problem was the issue of either you can or you can't take the tests with you after you finish them. Unfortunately, we did not tell adults what to do. Final Decision: Don't let students take tests. If they want, they should put their name and school on the tests to have them returned. Unwanted tests will be recycled. The whole idea of moving room to room for each test turned out to be OK. We need more pencils! This is a must. We should have a paper that lists the breakout rooms. A testing orientation should occur to tell proctors what to do. In general, testing was good.

12:10 – Creative Arts – Dramatic Interpretation from now on will occur on Friday. This is agreed on, unanimously.

12:11 – Pool Party: The largest problem was the fact that only a certain number of people could be admitted. Ryan suggests making two pool parties. Zach says the general public was divided into halves. ½ of the people didn't get in, and the other ½ of the people left because it was "gross" (from sweat). People should be prepared to go if they want to attend. People also need to make a choice if there are two evenings with pool parties, either you go on Friday or you go Saturday.

12:16 - There should be a room that people can just hang out anytime they want throughout the day. Having no cookies was a problem at the cookie and game room.

It is unanimously agreed that the dance this year was excellent. People also loved the movie. Vanessa says, "It was just like a movie theater."

12:20 – Chapter Fellowships: They were very rushed. Jacob suggests having a separate fellowship for JUST voting or to make the Saturday night fellowship longer.

12:23 – Hotels: The only problem was the behavior of kids when they first got there. The Holiday Inn wants our business for next year. It is unanimously agreed that the National Guard Reservists were "ridiculous". The Sheraton says we will never be placed with a military unit again.

12:31 – Olympika: A lot of people didn't know when and where. Everyone hated swimming because of the time (6:30 AM). A major problem was that there were no stopwatches. The Board must ask Ms. Keeley for some next year. Gladiator games were "awesome".

12:36 – Ice Cream Party and Rent-An-Officer: "The chaos made it perfect." - Jacob

12:38 – Karaoke/Cookie-and-Game Room: Decided that we'll get a karaoke DJ next year. Also, the Cookie-and-Game Room is in need of better games and actual cookies.

12:39 – That's Entertainment: Make 2<sup>nd</sup> auditions longer for schools who arrive late on Friday. Rebecca thinks the acts were good.

12:42 – Sponsor Social: No food. Ms. Fillion would like a constant coffee pot throughout the day. At the social, no one was socializing. The hospitality room could be in the certamen office.

12:45 – Academic Finals: Ms. Bauer didn't record the names of the winners, causing names to be unannounced.

12:47 – Ms. Fillion requested an assistant.

12:49 – Spirit Games: Dodge ball was "awesome." People said it was unorganized. It shouldn't be school against school; it should be mixed.

12:51 – The Worm: having the Worm on the track resulted in holes in pants. Note to Board: Try to not have the Worm competition on a track.

12:52 – Chariot Race: No complaints.

12:52 – Toga Parade: Schools need to know the route. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP is in charge of Toga Parade and can't be overruled. Jacob would like more speaker phones. Rebecca tells Jacob, the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, that he needs to tell schools the route and the school order.

12:55 – The Raffle: It was a great idea and also made a ton of money.

12:55 – Buses: All in favor of more frequent trips. Ms. Miklosky says the bus company is flexible. They loved us. Easy fix.

12:57 – General comments about the state convention: Everyone loved Barnstable. We need to know in advance about what technology we need. There should be no

interruptions during certamen finals. We need more microphones. We want the same weekend for next year. Teachers complained about drag time and over-booking. "Hang-Out" Room could be used to solve the problem for drag time, but we do not want to provide too much incentive to do nothing. Someone should double check for a projector at the Constitutional Amendments Meeting. Doors to the dance should be opened before the dance starts to cool off the room. Ryan requests more SCL events, such as a mixer. Parliamentarian needs to tell schools that uncontested candidates still need the majority vote.

1:08 – National Convention Subsidies – If someone drops off the bus, the Mass JCL treasury will give a general subsidy to everyone to cover the person who drops out. The subsidy for the board members, scholarship winners, and other selected delegates is \$370. Ms. Fillion suggests that the Board should give multiple scholarships instead of just one winner.

1:21 – Spirit Party: Jacob will send out email in early June for important spirit meetings. A lake along 495 is preferable. Mandatory spirit meeting will be sometime between July 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. Jacob also proposed the idea of having a prop-making party.

1:35 – Executive Board Expectations:

1. Attendance at every board meeting
2. To check emails and respond quickly

1:38- Next Board Meeting: It will be held on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from either 10-2 or 12-3 at Ms. Miklosky's house as of now.

1:49 – Meeting adjourned.