

MassJCL Transitional Meeting
Location: Boston Latin School
Date: 31 May 2014

Attendance

Board Members

Present:

Joana Jankulla (BLA)- Former President
Jeffrey Dubuisson (BLA)- Former 1st Vice President
Connie Chang (BLS) - Former 2nd Vice President, Current President
Julia Pan (BLS)- Former Secretary, Current 1st Vice President
Abena Oworae (AKF)- Current Secretary
Hanna Seariac (AMSA)- Former Publications Editor, Current 2nd Vice President
Linda Qin (BLS)- Current Publications Editor
Henry Tsang (BLS)- Former Treasurer
Mary Abrahamyan (AMSA)- Current Treasurer
Amol Punjabi (AMSA)- Former Technical Coordinator
Dalena Nguyen (BLA)- Current Technical Coordinator
Dan Packer (MTG)- Current Parliamentarian
Veena Lagare (BLA)- Current Historian

Absent:

Salome Kassini (AKF)- Former Historian
Aaron Ziemer (MTG)- Former Parliamentarian

State Chairs

Present:

Anne Nelson (AKF)
Janet Fillion (BLA)
Nancy Sinacola (At-Large)
Tamara Bauer (BARN)
Viet Luong (BLA)

Guests

Catherine Foley (BLS)- Teacher/Sponsor
Beth Moguel (BLS)- Teacher/Sponsor
Sheri Hausey (BLS)- Teacher/Sponsor
Allyson Ping (BLS)

Joseph Staruski (Rising Tide)

9:56- Connie calls the room to order.

9:57- Everyone introduces themselves.

I. State Convention Review

A. Feedback

9:58- Hanna suggests that officers make a better effort to keep officer rooms clean at convention. They were very messy this year.

9:58- Ms. Bauer states that the state chairs had to clean up the rooms this year.

10:00- Discussion is had of whether Ludi is safe. A possible solution might be to have it outside.

10:00- It is suggested that Boys' Olympika and Boys' sight reading occur in the morning, and Girls' Olympika and Girls' Sight reading occur after lunch.

10:02- The Ludi injury that occurred last year is said to have merely been a result of fooling around.

10:03- It is said that there is too much time available for going back to change before the dance. This was a reason that a lot less people than had signed up came to Open Certamen. Must there be tightened supervision? Should they be going back to the hotel?

10:04- Should the dance be a semi-formal?

10:05- The return to the hotels to change disturbs other guests. We should cut out that time. Students should just bring their stuff to the school to change.

10:06- It should be dress-up optional. What about sweatiness from Olympika?

10:07- We should just cut out the bus shuttle, set up classrooms for each gender, and provide dress racks.

10:08- The emergency light at the dance cannot be removed, but we can cover it with colored plastic. The 2nd Vice President, Hanna Seariac, will make the purchases.

10:09- There should be one adult to supervise the dance and deal with any issues that may arise like the Social Chair at Nationals.

10:10- It is suggested video games are played on the big screen, instead of the movie.

10:11- Mary went to movie. She says there were originally 30 people, but some left 20 minutes in.

10:12- People weren't watching the entertainment. It might be better to have the hypnotist on Saturday. Friday night could be the movie, or game night, or both. Game night logistics: people will bring controllers ahead of time; four can play at a time; one game would last the whole time; there could be a possible intermission of cat videos; it would be a tournament with brackets.

10:16- Connie vetoes cat videos. Joe suggests that promotional/multimedia videos are shown at the game night.

10:17- Testing is discussed. It ran better than last year. One could hear people outside in hallway last time. The senior cafeteria was a good choice. It was well organized and there was not as much commotion as last year. People picking up tests worked really well. Two or three proctors was better than the five noisy proctors of last year.

10:20- It was appreciated that test results were posted, but a more open spot should be picked, perhaps near the auditorium doors, the open hallway, all over the school or next to concessions stand.

10:21- Next year the graphic arts should be displayed closer to the gym door. We need more tables. This convention twenty were ordered and 10 were from the school. For next year, we need to order 30 tables, and there should be more regular student desks. It would also be helpful to get some clipboards.

10:22- Linda says gym system of signing up was effective, but the name organization should be reviewed since there are more names in the latter alphabet.

10:23- Two years ago tables were divided by contests. Julia asks if we could return to that system. Or we could do it by number of projects.

10:24- The problem with dividing them by contests is that there is not enough people to man the tables. There were only 5 people this year. We should have 10-15 SCLers.

10:26- Teachers can't do it because they have to organize name tags.

10:27- If name tags or ID numbers could come out early, teachers would be able to man project tables.

10:28- The board members should organize name tags by room.

10:29- There were two things left behind at convention. One item was Amol's.

10:31- We gave helpers and teachers Dunkin Donuts cards. There were no reported issues with teacher rooms.

10:33- Past convention programs are passed out.

10:34- Feedback on creative arts begins. It is felt that they should be moved back to initial hallway closer to library.

10:35- Linda thought it was in the old hallway. There should be more signage, possibly a number key and announcements at General Assembly for creative arts.

10:36- A graphic design student color coded map, but we could get maps with room numbers.

10:38- "On the red halls, this is what is happening..."; Ms. Moguel suggests a key for the color codes.

10:39- Maybe maps should not be color coded, since the white font is hard to see. We should keep color and put corresponding pieces of colored construction paper in the hallways.

10:40- Ms. Luong gets academic test and arts' pick-up debrief.

10:42- There were no working clocks in senior cafe, but it is pointed out that there are few working clocks throughout most of the school. Perhaps there could be periodic time reminders. It is decided that it is best to just encourage people to bring watches.

10:44- Impromptu art needs to go back to two separate times. Material distribution is unfair, perhaps there could be an even amount of materials at all tables. The problems with impromptu art arise from the packed schedule.

B. Surveys (Joana)

10:47- 124 people answered

10:48- "The game room was unorganized, some people were unable to play." We need a bigger room.

10:48- "The lights caused an issue at the dance."

10:49- "The magic show was boring."

10:49- "The art pieces were not handled with care." That's Entertainment was all string players. There wasn't enough vegetarian food. Good job with the bus shuttles, and separating schools. There were some problems with the BLS/BLA bus port.

Positives

- That's Entertainment
- Open Certamen
- gladiator games
- "Joana did an amazing assembly"
- ice-cream social
- chariot races
- everything
- magic show

Negatives

- waiting around
- dance

10:54- Joana should organize statistics.

If one social activity had to be deleted

- Ice-cream social
- Toga parade
- Dance should be like Et Tu DJ
- Friday night entertainment- improv?

Special suggestions

- better bus schedule
- javelin, discus

Basically every respondent would return. The majority of people rated convention an 8-10.

10:56- Connie moves us on to officer reports.

II. Officer Reports

A. Tech Coordinator- Amol

10:57- Amol has set up two emails for each new member, one personal (firstname.lastname@massjcl.org) and one specific to the officer (officename@massjcl.org). The emails of old officers will no longer work, but their emails will still be stored. We are running out of space in the email server, but Amol gets the OK to delete old things. The website has been updated.

B. Historian

11:01- Connie says that Salome informed her that she could not attend the meeting. She didn't get a binder, but one is easy to set up.

11:03- Dr. Nelson says scrapbook will be brought to Nationals in car of an AKF student.

C. Publications Editor

11:04- Forum Factorum issues are passed out.

11:05- Hanna says articles have been submitted. And the Memoriae, which BLA, Mount Greylock and AMSA submitted things to, will be out some time after June 6th, but before June 14th.

D. Parliamentarian

11:06- Aaron is absent, but the new constitution has been finished. Dan wants to send out.

11:07- The sponsors think it is too early to think of elections.

11:08- There should be a list of future board meetings in the September mailing packet.

11:09- We should create an outreach group (of the members) to visit schools and pump them up; other states have outreach groups.

11:10- Ms. Foley suggests that we make a YouTube video about running.

11:11- Joana attempted to visit schools to pump them up about convention, but no school was interested.

11:12- There could be a "buddy system" set in place, where big school helps new school; it might count as publicity.

11:13- We should use Facebook or YouTube to connect to smaller schools.

11:14- Ms. Hausey says that starting up a chapter is extremely hard, and a phone call from an adult was essential to the establishment of BLA as a new chapter.

11:15- Videos have been attempted in previous years; there needs to be better coordination.

11:16- Hanna suggests a MassJCL Club Exchange. It could be in the form of a Facebook page where club meetings and project ideas could be posted. The current page MassJCL page is too formal. We should contact chapters' officers and put them in group.

11:17- Joe says to get interaction going between officers and common MassJCL members. The Facebook page should be made informal.

11:18- Students should contact students, but also teachers should contact teachers .

11:19- Officers can inform newbies of the fun of MassJCL, which teachers deal with logistics.

11:21- Bauer says the Barnstable kids don't have as much fun as others at convention because they are forced to do work. There needs to be a bigger convention work crew.

11:22- Julia sees a big disconnect between big and small schools. The Facebook group is mostly of big schools. Small schools don't know about YouTube channels; the chapter presidents or first vice presidents should be contacted.

11:24- A lot of schools that don't come to events, but pay membership fees are only involved to secure Latin Honor Society memberships; we should contact the club officers of these schools.

11:26- Lunch will come from Bertucci's at noon; we will bring at 11:50, at break Dr. Nelson will see people about t-shirts.

11:27- There should be a promotional video CD in the September mailing packet, encouraging people to run for office and other general things.

11:28- We should take emphasis off of office members in videos and bring it back to the organization.

11:29- Videos should be shown before events, like a kick-off introduction video before kickoff starts, for community service, etc. include pictures and videos, under two minutes. There should be a parliamentarian in action video at States, one video on Certamen, perhaps film World Series of Certamen at Nationals.

11:31- Most current MassJCL YouTube viewers are from big schools. Officers should post videos on personal facebook, on the MassJCL website, email them to sponsors, and they should be in communication with small schools.

11:33- Hanna informs us that if you search "massjcl," Maddie's videos always come up. The current YouTube username is wearemajcl.

11:34- Julia suggests a "Facebook bomb"- all officers post on personal Facebooks at the same time; part of the duty of new officers is to reach out to small schools.

11:35- Videos will be incorporated into State convention's Friday night entertainment. It will be Julia's job to put together professional and funny videos. People beyond officers should star in videos.

11:36- Classics Day and Kick-off videos need to come out at the same time.

11:37- Joe says that viedos could serve as great introduction to chapter meetings.

11:37- Dalena suggests pen pal system, e.g. a big chapter could help out smaller chapters. "Pen pal" sign-up could be at kick-off.

11:38- Other ideas to get smaller chapters information is through newsletter signups, and officer Skype chats.

11:39- Several officers should reach out to each small chapter.

11:42- Amol states that audio is very important in videos, and so Julia should get things like lapel microphones.

11:43- Amol suggests that a subcommittee be established for the videos.

11:44- Julia says we should consider sustainability, invest money into equipment, because connections won't last. Amol suggests the organization purchase Adobe Creative Cloud to keep files for \$9.99 a month.

11:45- Adults should contact adults. State officers should get in touch with chapter officers. Small schools should get prizes for getting more involved.

11:47- We should have a "rookie chapter of the year" award or some other type of award rewarding the largest percent increase in membership.

11:50- We break for lunch.

12:50- We return to the meeting.

D. Henry- Coffers

12:51- Mary has made a date to go to the bank.

12:52- We have \$3000 of spending money. We lost money on States. We lost \$250 s. They should have been sold for \$12 not \$10.

12:57- Kick-off and Classics Day also cost some money. We lost only \$150 on Et Tu DJ. On Classics Day: we got more rooms since it was on a Friday, one school which brings 80/90 kids didn't come, fewer people in general.

1:00- We haven't raised the cost of States, but it costs as more and more each year

1:01- The people on the plane need to make a check for \$365 check sent to Massjcl for the Nationals plane. All money should be in by the end of the week.

1:04- Coaches, new/old officers, and teachers (23 people total) will receive \$100 each. Henry Tsang writes checks for those who are going and are present.

E. Secretary

1:12- Julia will not publish State Convention minutes because they are inconsistent, as she was required to get up several times.

F. 2nd VP

1:14- Hanna's work will be discussed later, under 'Nationals.'

G. President

1:14- Joanna asks about convention. She squares everything away with Connie.

H. 1st VP

1:56- Julia contacted 44 people for Classics Day workshops. 19 people responded. So far, 13 said yes, and 6 said no. Her theme idea is "Mythology: Religion of Yore". Only 3 people have actual workshop ideas.

1:58- Jeff advises Julia not to contact too many more people and to stop at 30 yeses.

1:59- We should invest in a camera. The YouTube video subcommittee is decided.

I. Chairs

2:00- The chairs have nothing to report.

III. Nationals

A. Hanna- Spirit Party/ Themes/Budget (will not be published!!!)

1:15- Props for first day: "Walking Dead language"- colorful teddy bears, item of tie dye, hypoallergenic face paint to used sparingly, Latin words on posters and signs carried in front.

1:16- It is suggested that we focus on one "dead" pun. Hanna decides to go with the Grateful Dead teddy bears. Teddy bears from Oriental Trading will be purchased.

1:18- We will make tie dye t-shirts at Spirit party. There will also be - a Captain America cutout, Jeff dressed up as Paul Revere.

1:19- Props for fourth day: T-Shirt Day/ "Timeless Cola Classics" - inflatable polar bears, red and white batons, MassJCL signs with words in Coca Cola bottles, balance of red and white attire; Toga Day- white togas (with red drapes), red shoes, red t-shirt with white toga

1:22- Props for third day: "Atalanta" - purple stovepipe hats, huge stretch ball golden apples fastened on hats

1:23- We've only got \$700. 62 people (minus SCLers) total, around 46 or 47 kids. Each person should have to pay a Spirit fee of about \$20.

1:26- There's a \$500 budget to feed people. We will be mailing Certamen machines and trophies, but there are reimbursements for this.

1:28- Ms. Luong, if AirTran gives her two free bags might be able to lug machinery. Hausey suggests that we call the airline to inform them of our special luggage.

1:29- There is further discussion of an efficient way of hauling items.

1:32- It is suggested that the "Veni Vidi Legi" red MassJCL shirt can be worn on the fourth day.

1:33- State T-shirts Day- Oriental Trading shipping is two weeks. Props: giant inflatable insects, James and the giant peach inspired, everybody wears state t-shirt, half of people can get insects, beach balls spray painted as peaches, make cardboard peaches and put them on sticks, "peach heads?", holes for eyes, hold to face, put small plastic peach on headbands.

1:39- Julia asks if peach headbands will hold up. There is a suggestion of peach leis.

1:40- We draw inspiration from seagulls carrying peach scene of *James and the Giant Peach*. We get one inflatable seagull, a giant circular costume. We aren't going to use inflatable insects.

1:42- Delegates will be wearing cardboard wings and beaks, and there'll be a giant peach in center (peach color spray painted beach ball).

1:44- A picture of the peach scene is shown. Final props for State T-Shirt Day: 54-inch inflatable beach ball spray painted peach color, poster board wings and beaks. Hanna says everything should cost around \$650.

1:46- Hanna says the spirit party should cost a total of \$150 total. But maybe to decrease price we could have it at someone's rural abode, or a local park. To book Northborough's park, half of the party much live in the town.

1:50- Could we have the spirit part at Mary's house?

1:50- The Charlton location of fifty bucks with no price for parking seems to be our best bet. The party will take place Saturday, June 28th.

1:54- Or perhaps we could have it at a Framingham park, where it might be easier to get to, or a huge grassy area in Wayland? Or Shrewsbury's Dean Park, but for now we are going with Buffumville.

1:55- The spirit party cannot be at Mary's house; she will not be available.

2:00- Spirit fee vote takes place. It is unanimously passed. The fee will be \$20.

IV. SPQM

A. Dates(s)

2:01- Joanna says that last year there was only one and it was at kick-off.

2:01- Connie says there should be ones during kick-off and at Classics Day, this year.

2:02- Connie wants to have more, and to encourage small schools to participate.

2:03- There should be two delegates per school allowed to attend.

2:04- At Classics Day, it could happen during lunch.

2:05- Only the secretary and president from the board, need be present.

2:05- They will occur at kick-off and Classics Day. This information will be in the September mailing packet.

V. Statewide Service

A. Hanna- Coin Wars

2:05- Hanna names each board member's charity.

- Connie Chang (Pres.) - reACT (read. empower. ACT)
- Julia Pan (1st VP)- water.org
- Abena Oworae (Sec.)- To Write Love on Her Own Arms
- Hanna Seariac (2nd VP)- A3 Academy
- Linda Qin (Edit.)- Project Moves Dance Company

- Mary Abrahamyan (Treas.)- StandUp for Kids
- Dalena Nguyen (Tech)- Cradles to Crayons
- Dan Packer (Par.)- Trustees of Reservations
- Veena Lagare (Hist.)- Make-A-Wish Foundation

Information on the charities will be in September mailing packet, and announcements will be made at events (i.e. kick-off, Classics Day, Snowball, Convention).

2:07- There will be a video introducing each person's charity at the start of kick-off.

2:08- Hanna will create a handout with a sentence or two for each charity.

B. Hanna- Letters to Soldiers

2:09- There will be information sent out on how to write letters .

2:10- It will start at Nationals. Small prize by Classics Day for chapter with most letters per person.

2:12- Snowball theme that was voted on:

"Midnight masquerade"- 1st place

"Yule ball"- 2nd place

2:13- Hanna is looking at cheaper places to have Snowball. Connie offered to DJ. Hanna is looking to get someone to do photography for free, so that the vendor and food would be the only cost. We should have a list of chaperones by February, at least twenty. Hanna hopes to have total spent on Snowball under \$1010. There will be rising ticket prices; we'll start selling earlier, and we will be keeping the performance aspect.

2:15- Connie suggests that we try to appeal to mainly to city kids, since mostly BLS/BLA kids show up because they do not have their own semiformal dances. Connie is a backup for DJ. Linda might be able to get a friend to do it for cheap.

2:17-We decide date for Snowball.

2:18- The tentative date is March 14th.

2:19- There should be a different theme each year. "Midnight Masquerade" is the tentative theme. Themes don't have to dictate what one wears; they only identify the decorations.

2:20- We should start advertising Snowball earlier. The venue could be schools, but Dr. Nelson says that schools wouldn't want to do it because of liability. Churches could also be cheap venues. Should it be midway, in Natick/Framingham? Connie stated earlier that it should be in Boston, since mostly BLA/BLS kids attend.

2:21- The Boston Conference Center is a possibility for venue.

VI. Other

A. Future Meeting Dates & Locations

2:22- We decide them together.

2:23- Meetings

- July 12th at Boston University, 10 AM- 1 PM

- August 23th at Northborough library; the 23rd gives two weeks for mailing the September mailing packet
- November 15th, tentatively at AKF
- First choice date for meeting after that is January 10th. SAT complications are discussed. Second date of choice is February 28th; the amendments' deadline, March 1st, is close to this date. Amendments should be squared away with parliamentarian prior. This meeting will take place at either Framingham or Southborough. We need to take BLA/ BLS certamen tournament dates into consideration.
- The pre-convention meeting will take place on April 11th at Barnstable.

2:37- The fact that 4 current board members live in central Massachusetts is considered.

B. Any last things?

2:39- Connie asks if there are any things to go over. Dr. Nelson makes sure t-shirts have been distributed.

2:40- Connie adjourns the meeting.