

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Transitional Executive Board Meeting
June 15, 2013
Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School

Board Members Present:

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| Rahi Punjabi | Previous President | AMSA |
| Maddie Kilgannon | Previous 1 st Vice President (Emerita) | BLS |
| Joana Jankulla | Previous Publications Editor, Current President | BLA |
| Jeffrey Dubuisson | Previous Technical Coordinator, Current 1 st Vice President | BLA |
| Connie Chang | Current 2 nd Vice President | BLS |
| Julia Pan | Current Secretary | BLS |
| Henry Tsang | Current Treasurer | BLS |
| Aaron Ziemer | Previous Treasurer, Current Parliamentarian | MTG |
| Salomé Kassini | Current Historian | AKF |
| Amol Punjabi | Current Technical Coordinator | AMSA |

State Chairs:

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| Tamara Bauer | | BARN |
| Janet Fillion | | BLA |
| Anne Nelson | | AKF |
| Nancy Sinacola | | AMSA |

Guests:

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| Ted Atkinson | Senior Classical League | |
| Catherine Foley | Sponsor | BLS |
| Sheri Hausey | Sponsor | BLS |
| Georgie Contreras | | BLA |
| Hanna Seariac | | AMSA |

Regrets:

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| Katelin Marchand | Previous 2 nd Vice President | MTG |
| Emma McMahon | Previous Parliamentarian | BARN |
| Ava Violich | Previous Historian | BLS |

Highlights: *a.k.a. Compiled List of Suggestions for State Convention Improvements*

- Position of MassJCL 2013-2014 Publications Editor is now open.
- There should be one general meeting for *all* the judges at State Convention, later on they can be broken into groups by which event they are judging.
- Sight Reading can be moved to Saturday and not clash with Academic Testing.
- Academic Testing be in one large room, instead of many small classrooms,
- Graphic Arts submissions can be placed at the Barnstable Field House to ensure the security of the art.
- Open Gym time should be eliminated.
- Also Sight Reading, for the lower levels, two rooms could be judging at the same time, and there needs to be a minimum score to move up to the next level otherwise judges who assess 25-30 readings no longer understand what it means to live.

- Sight Reading may be filmed at future State Conventions.
- About \$24,000 in the MassJCL bank after all expenses are paid.
- Ted Atkinson has created a prototype of online state convention registration that can be visited here: www.frog helmet.com/massjcl/
- General chaperones can come to the state convention to watch the hallways etc.
- Janet Rajotte Trophy and how to win it should be more clearly explained perhaps through workshops at Classics Day or Kickoff.
- A decathlon can be instituted for those who score high on academic tests, to attempt to fill the void that Academic Finals has left.
- \$200 dollar budget for the Spirit Party and \$1000 dollar budget for National Convention Spirit days are set aside for Connie Chang.
- Subsidies will be provided for approximately 21 people this year.
- MassJCL “Congress”, now renamed as SPQM, will first meet at Kickoff, most likely during lunchtime.
- Potential Workshop for Classics Day: for teachers of schools that have just joined JCL and what to do and have fun, possibly taught by Ms. Foley!
- New officers: Don’t forget to setup both of your massjcl email accounts, your signature, and your forwarding system to your personal email!

Upcoming Events: *You better have all these down on your calendar!*

- June 24, 2013 (tentative date): RSVP for Spirit Party
- July 1, 2013 (tentative date): Spirit Party at Buffumville Lake
- July 13, 2013: Executive Board Meeting at Boston University from 11:00-1:00.
- July 22-27, 2013: National Junior Classical League Convention at University of Nevada Las Vegas
- August 17, 2013: Executive Board Meeting at Boston University from 10:00-2:00.
- November 16, 2013: Executive Board Meeting at Abby Kelley Foster from 10:00-2:00
- December 6, 2013: Classics Day at Boston University
- January 11, 2013: Executive Board Meeting at Abby Kelley Foster from 10:00-2:00
- March 15, 2013: Executive Board Meeting at Barnstable High School from 10:00-2:00.
- April 11-13, 2014: Massachusetts Junior Classical League State Convention at Barnstable High School

Minutes: *Hoo boy...paginas septem minutarum!*

I. Call to Order 10:08 a.m.

II. Attendance 10:09 a.m.

10:09- Joana informs the board that the position of Publications Editor is now open.

10:09- Aaron states that it is constitutional to have a fourth BLS member for Publications Editor.

10:11- Ms. Hausey says there should be no separate ruling.

10:11- Joana says if someone from BLS is the most qualified, he/she cannot be kept from that position.

10:11- It is decided that the position of Publications Editor will be constitutionally open to anyone.

III. State Convention Review

10:11 a.m.

Feedback:

10:12- Maddie thanks Ms. Bauer for keeping all of the officers fed.

10:12- Ted (who is part of SCL) will be the next Viet Luong!

- Problems with academic testing—been improved.
- One room did not have a proctor: SCL never figured out who took the tests from the room. Viet & Anthony Pan proctored for a while.
- Have judging meetings for people on Fridays.
- Maybe there should be one general meeting for all judges.

10:15- Ms. Bauer: Chaperones are sometimes not the best proctors. They are too shy to take charge of the room. She had to take over for proctoring in her room at States. SCLers can proctor too—less work for them if they know what is going on in the rooms. Side Note: At the mall Ms. Bauer *will* ask people to spit out their gum.

10:16- Ms. Foley: A lot of teachers were assigned to Sight Reading. Maybe it should be moved to Saturday.

10:17- Ms. Hausey: A huge influx of people after academic tests for those who are taking 8000 tests come into Sight Reading. Additionally they MISSED ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT.

10:18- Ms. Sinacola: perhaps testing would be in one room. Parents can walk around to help out with proctoring, but we only need a few strong proctors instead of many proctors, like how it is done at Nationals.

10:19- Ms. Bauer: at UMass Amherst that is how they did academic testing, but sandwiches are in the cafeteria, where would people take tests at Barnstable?

10:20- Ms. Sinacola: people who are taking a lot of tests could be in the senior cafeteria.

10:20- Ted: What do we with people who take only a few tests? There is a huge gap between people who only take a few tests and a lot of tests. And those who take a lot of tests miss out on all the fun. A lot of people drew pictures with their Scantron sheets.

10:22- Perhaps we could add a Fun Test, something you do not need to study for?

10:24- Date for next year's State Convention: April 11-13, 2014. It's a month earlier!

10:25- Ms. Bauer informs us on the systems of dibs while reserving Barnstable High School: First Tier of Dibs: Cape Cod Symphony have first dibs on any weekend for the next couple of years AND snow dates (double amount of dates).

Second Tier of Dibs: Theater and performing arts. They work around the Cape Cod Symphony dates and do not take the problematic weekends i.e. Mother's Day *cough cough*

Third Tier of Dibs: JCL. ☹

10:27- It was really inconvenient to have State Convention during AP week.

10:29- Ms. Bauer's suggests that the trouble with art judging is ensuring the security of the art. At Nationals they have a huge room for all the art. We could use the big Field House and it is closer to the Cafeteria.

10:31- SCLers carry all the art; they do get carts however.

10:33- Jeffrey asks that we get rid of the open gym time if art will be in the Field House.

10:33- Ms. Bauer agrees. A few years ago stuff was stolen from the gym and JCL had to pay the school back. Janitors said that there was vandalism, however after much investigation janitors did it as a distraction to get out of working the long weekend.

10:34- Henry states that the 1600s are great for tests because it is quieter, and it also frees up some fellowship rooms.

10:35- Ms. Hausey going back to sight reading: it needs to be divided because judges cannot judge 25-30 people in one night. A few years ago after doing that she didn't even know who she was by the end of it!

10:37- Perhaps we should have preliminaries and finals. However judging should not be broken down by gender.

10:39- Ms. Sinacola: could ½ & 1 be judged separately, or sponsors decide who can enter?

10:42- Ted suggests that there are two rooms for judging but there has to be a minimum score to move on, instead of the top 5 for each room.

10:42- Ms. Sinacola: also sight reading could be filmed, that way if there was any dispute they could just watch the video.

10:44- Ms. Bauer: Getting six buses for next year.

10:45- Could we reserve a separate bus for BLA and another one for BLS?

10:45- Go to different doors based on where your fellowship room is placed, where your bus will be waiting for you. Will make bus waiting less crowded and more convenient.

Treasurer Report- Aaron Ziemer:

10:46- Right now we have \$31,627.26. But after paying the janitors and subsidies and other costs, we probably have around \$24,000 dollars instead

10:47- Did we lost money from Snowball? Also in the account, all money transfers should be in categories by event.

10:47- Katelin was expecting more people— JCL lost about 900-1000 dollars.

State Convention Feedback (continued):

10:50- Ted says for the past few years he has been considering online registration process. He has a tentative design. A teacher would have a password, and a sponsor can sign up the school. It could help generate the student number, and distribute reports that way JCLers can get their scores back, which they cannot now.

10:52- There would need to be a trial run to see how it works.

10:52- Question is when would we open registration, and when would we close it?

10:53- Ted answers that there would be a cut off for teachers to confirm all their students.

10:54- He would create it by December, and open it up by beginning of February.

10:54- Close out registration by last week of March.

10:55- Ted passes around his design.

10:55- Ms. Sinacola says that there has not been an art judging meeting for the past few years. Some paintings were judged as mixed media because they forgot to erase the pencil marks. That is not right.

10:55- Right now directions are written on a clipboard, but that is not enough.

10:56- Could we perhaps write the things they need to pay attention to?

10:57- Maybe we could make a PowerPoint ahead of time about what is needed to do for sponsors and teachers and maybe even first time parents who are judging. People who can't be at the meeting can view it before the actual judging.

10:57- Ms. Hausey suggests a general meeting for judges, and then judges are broken into groups.

10:59- Aaron leaves.

11:02- We need to find a classroom to get seats for people to sit. Ms. Sinacola suggests we call it the grotto.

11:02- We now have the Green Grotto, the Officers' Den, and the Computer Cave.

11:03- Connie suggests that if we are going for alliteration, perhaps the Officers' Den should be the Officers' Orifice.

11:04- Some schools it is 5-6 students per chaperones and for others it 1:15. 525 students were at State Convention. There needs to be the right ratio for students and chaperones.

11:05- We should have general chaperones. Also some kids in high school can look like they are SCLers.

11:05- People from Plymouth could come. They do not have to pay money to get food. Parents from Barnstable can also come; they will think it's a party since they all know each other.

11:06- There is a possibility of having a police detail. Ms. Bauer says that at the 8th grade cruise at Barnstable the students were breathalyzed. In fact at every single dance students were breathalyzed.

11:08- Board thinks that it is good to have a police officer, but no breathalization because that assumes that JCL does not trust them. Additionally it gives the wrong impression to newcomers that drinking does happen, when there was not actually a problem this year.

11:09- Visit www.froghelmet.com/massjcl/ to see the prototype Ted created for the online registration.

11:09- Ted leaves.

11:10- Perhaps after the awards ceremony the list of all the contest results could be posted, like at Nationals.

11:10- Ms. Fillion: Whole School Contests—stuff is being inputted verbally, and that leads to errors. There should be a person who runs after every event to report stuff, hopefully an officer.

11:12- Ms. Foley: No one knew where the Game Room was, not as much people came because it was so far. It was mainly BLS kids. The Game Room should be closer to

11:14- Ms. Hausey: At the Awards Ceremony there should be a portion where there is a description of what the trophy is about and what a school needs to be doing in order to win that. If you want more people to enter the contests, they need to know what they have to do in order to win and not assume that because big schools like BLA and BLS win most things that bigger schools have a better chance of winning, which is FALSE.

11:16- The capstone event of the ceremony should be someone talking about Janet Rajotte, and what the trophy means and represents.

11:17- Also the other events should be explained more clearly, for example, Community Outreach—what is it? Kids need to see what they need to work on, not just hear something and assume they cannot win.

11:18- If there are not enough professors for Classics Day or maybe a workshop at Kickoff, one of the workshops could be How to Win the State Trophy Without Even Trying or So You Want to be Number One.

11:18- A video could be made to show it at Kickoff and could also be posted online.

11:19- Feedback on Olympika. There were enough stopwatches. Ms. Nelson wants a 90-dollar gazebo so judges and sponsors could keep dry during the pouring rain. She will wait until the end of the summer when the gazebos will be on sale. Additionally she wants covered clipboards to keep the score sheets dry; Ms. Nelson had to place the papers on her car heater in order to dry them out before handing them in.

State Convention Survey:

11:21- Rahi: There were 36 responses so far; it just came out this week.

- More supplies in impromptu art.
- This year's events were too spread out, a lot of people felt that there was a lull on Saturday. However last year was too overcrowded.
- Buy our own measuring sticks.
- Music for the dance was not good.
- Jeffrey says that the DJ refused to take requests because, "You're bothering me and you're bothering my rhythm."
- DJ at Snowball was good. Both DJs came from Club T, perhaps we could request the Snowball one for next year.
- Behavior at dance was inappropriate.
- People did not like that Academic Finals was removed.
- A loser's bracket for certamen.

11:25- Perhaps someone could compile a list of good music for the DJ to play.

11:26- People could submit music requests on Ted's website?

11:26- Connie states that it would generate more interest if people could request music for Snowball ahead of time.

11:27- Certamen in the 1700s was really good.

11:28- Ms. Hausey brings up that the reason Academic Finals was eliminated was that Academic Finals counted for whole school points, but overall winners for Academic Testing, Graphic Arts, Creative Arts, and Olympika did not get whole school points...so last year's transitional meeting devolved into Let's Eliminate the Academic Finals!

11:29- Possibly we could have non-competitive certamen.

11:31- Ms. Hausey: academic finals was a historical MassJCL thing and a lot of BLS and AMSA kids like it if they were not on the final States team for certamen. There needs to be a place for people to use their talents.

11:31- However a lot of people who get into Academic Finals do not like it because they hate the certamen buzzers.

11:32- There could be a decathlon like at Nationals. And there could be more rounds of certamen in general?

11:34- Ms. Foley: Capture the Standard went well. Originally it was going to be outside. She would not mind doing it next year.

IV. Officer Reports

11:36 a.m.

Classics Day- Jeffrey Dubuisson:

- Contacted Boston University and 25 professors. He got 10 responses back.
- Still waiting for graduate students.
- Keynote speaker maybe Catherine Miller?
- Classics Day is December 6th, 2013, a Friday this year.
- Because it is a Friday, if there is an overflow of the room we could open up the ballroom to fill up the auditorium. Last year we could not open the other room because Professor Richard Thomas had it. Fewer university classes at BU on Fridays.

Other- Joana Jankulla:

11:38- For your email signature, make it Your Name, and the line beneath it Your Position.

11:39- Maddie has decided to be the MassJCL videographer; the MassJCL YouTube page was very successful.

11:39- Upbeat music in the background of the States and Nationals videos were really great.

11:40- Ms. Fillion suggests that Maddie continue to film the catapults at Kickoff.

11:40- The whole channel got 4000 views, her original goal was 3000 views.

11:41- Nationals & States videos got the most views.

Chairs:

11:41- Someone needs to do the taxes, which should be done in August/fall of this year. After January it's late. They need a list of officers on the form, however it is only a formality: officer, clerk, etc.

11:42- 500 dollar budget set aside for summer certamen and parking costs.

11:46- Ms. Fillion tells the certamen coaches, "We want you to win at Nationals!"

11:47- Ms. Hausey & Ms. Sinacola bring suitcases of snacks and water bottles, because there is no store near BU.

V. National Convention

11:48 a.m.

Spirit Party-Connie Chang:

11:48- Booked for Buffumville Lake on Monday July 1, 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. We are not going to be there that late however.

11:50- Last year Maddie & Katelin bought all the food for the Spirit Party, a potluck might be inconsistent in quality.

11:50- The cake last year was bought at Stop & Shop

11:51- Budget for 2013 Spirit Party: \$200.

11:52- Introductions/icebreakers/games should only be allotted only half an hour, and practicing cheers should be for an hour.

11:53- RSVP by June 24th.

11:55- Reschedule perhaps on July 11th-13th. But a pavilion has to be reserved.

11:57- Emails are all on the Nationals list to get invitations out.

11:58- Are we going to keep the cheers?

11:59- Connie says she will revise the cheers to make them more visually appealing.

11:59- Rahi states that no one sees what we are doing underneath the chairs.

12:00- Ms. Bauer typed up a list of props she has at her house since she is not going, and gives it to Connie.

Spirit Themes and Budget- Connie Chang

12:01- *Tuesday: Retro Ad Futurum: State T-Shirt Day*

12:01- Connie plans to make a delorean (from *Back to the Future*) out of a cardboard box.

12:01- Ms. Hausey asks how will she transport the delorean and other stuff? Could Connie make it collapsible or foldable? Because they are cheap, logistically Connie could make 2 of them and see how it would work. Additionally we can mail stuff to Las Vegas with MASSACHUSETTS labeled all over the box and pick it up when we arrive at Nationals.

12:02- BLS needs 12 state T-shirts, and BLA needs 4. There should be an email sent out about who needs a shirt.

12:03- Instead of paper plate clocks, Connie could go to a pizza place and get a few of the round cardboard pieces in the bottom of a pizza box, they would be much bigger to see.

12:06- Wednesday: Can't Help Falling in JCLove: Bride/groom getup

12:06- For veils, Connie could buy yards of white tulle from a fabric store.

12:07- Ms. Foley lives at iParty, she could show Connie the bride & groom section at iParty, and it's cheap!

12:07- Remember Connie, you can tell people to wear certain colors on certain days at Nationals. For example on Wednesday tell the guys to wear black.

12:08- If we do have a Cupid, he could fly around and hold up the signs for cheers at Nationals.

12:09- Thursday: Waking Up in Roma

12:09- Sleeping masks can be worn like sunglasses or around the neck.

12:10- People can bring their own sleeping plane pillows that are also worn around the neck.

12:12- In addition to Solo Cups, we could use espresso/coffee cups.

12:14- Julia suggests that the sleeping masks could have JCL written on them in purple & gold glitter. Maddie suggests bedazzling them!

12:15- People could bring their own extra large white oversized T-shirts, or Connie could order some customized shirts.

12:16- People can bring their own stuffed animals, and wrap them in togas. Both Ms. Hausey & Ms. Foley have teddy togas from Caesar's Palace.

12:18- Ms. Foley has fabric markers, so we can write stuff on T-shirts.

12:19- Friday: Diamonds Are a Roman's Best Friend

12:19- No sequins, also no glitter—that is really messy.

12:20- Someone could dress up as Marilyn Monroe.

12:20- Color scheme of Friday will be hot pink & white.

12:21- Instead of throwing around the diamond beach ball, someone in the back should hold it up.

12:22- Definitely want Mardi Gras beads.

12:28- Spirit Budget: last year it was 1000 dollars, this year's budget will also be 1000 dollars.



Subsidies for Certamen Coaches, Chairs, Teachers, and Officers- Joana Jankulla

12:23- 9 teachers, 5 board members, Rahi & Katelin are coming to Nationals.

12:24- For former board members, it needs to be states what they should do to earn the subsidy.

12:26- People helping out with certamen, Mike, Griffin, Francesca and other SCLers who have gone and above to help out should receive subsidies too.

12:27- Karyn Greene comes as a chaperone/teacher-to-be, she should get a subsidy because she helps out a lot too (i.e. Bazaar).

12:27- There also needs to be a subsidy for the new Publications Editor if he/she is going to Nationals.

12:28- Board determines that about 21 people need subsidies.

12:28- Board could subsidize 300 dollars per person for the 21 people going to Nationals, comes to about 6000 dollars.

12:29- Last year we only had 12 thousand dollars in the bank, we have a lot more money this year!

12:30- Jeff starts passing out emails and passwords.

VI. Prandium

12:30 a.m.

1:08- Cat already did her part of the Forum Factorum before she resigned. It is decided to combine States And Nationals, a huge convention issue after the summer. If we mail it out now to the schools it will never be passed out.

1:10- The Editor does not need to write something about Nationals (therefore he/she does not have to attend Nationals), he/she only needs articles about Nationals.

1:11- Next Editor will get elected at the next board meeting.

VII. MassJCL “Congress”

1:11 a.m.

1:11- Joana’s idea was that it would be a meeting with 2-3 school representatives. There would be an agenda for things to talk about. For example, Some schools do not come to Snowball, what do we do to get them to come?

Have people input ideas what they think is a good event to have at States

1:12- Ms. Bauer: in Colorado she did something similar in the fall with sponsors and officers. Question is where is the central location, food preparations, and most importantly when would we have it?

1:14- The first Congress could be at the Kickoff. Do it in a classroom instead of the auditorium.

1:16- The second Congress could be in Boston. It’s always the Western Empire vs. the Eastern Empire right?

1:17- All of the officers do not have to be at the Congress, only Joana and Julia to take the notes.

1:18- At Kickoff, it could be at lunch, where we provide lunch for them. FREE FOOD! 

1:20- Classics Day would be a great time to inform teachers of new schools joining JCL.

1:22- Maddie volunteers Ms. Foley to lead the meeting: a balance the new and old.

1:23- The workshop could be there for both sessions.

1:24- If there are not enough professors, Jeffrey can add meeting for new kids going to States.

1:27- New term for Congress: Advisory Board, Senate, we decide on SPQM.

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1:29- Ms. Hausey’s phone goes off: her ringtone is some type of heavy rock music or something.

VIII. Other

1:29 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations

July 13, 2013 at Boston University from 11:00-1:00.

August 17, 2013 at Boston University from 10:00-2:00.

November 16, 2013 at Abby Kelley Foster from 10:00-2:00

January 11, 2013 Abby Kelley Foster from 10:00-2:00 (snow date: in February).

March 15, 2013 Barnstable High School from 10:00-2:00.

1:46- Book Recommendations from Ms. Bauer:

The Riddle of the Labyrinth: The Quest to Crack an Ancient Code, by Margaret Fox

The Swerve: How the World Became Modern, by Stephen Greenblatt

1:50- Ms. Foley suggests Jeopardy at State Convention on Friday, while people are waiting for the Hypnotist Show.

Joana Jankulla moves to adjourn the meeting.

Connie Chang seconds the movement.

Salomé Kassini thirds the movement.
IX. Adjournment

1:53 p.m.

Duration: 3 hours and 45 minutes