

MASSJCL SECOND BOARD MEETING
Minutes | Boston University (Room 237)
July 12, 2014 -- a.d. IV id. Iul. a.u.c. MMDCCCLXVII

Board Members Present:

Julia Pan	1 st Vice President	BLS
Hanna Seariac	2 nd Vice President	AMSA
Abena Oworae	Secretary	AFK
Mary Abrahamyan	Treasurer	AMSA
Veena Lagare	Historian	BLA
Linda Qin	Publications Editor	BLS

State Chairs:

Janet Fillion	BLA
Viet Luong	BLA
Anne Nelson	AFK
Nancy Sinacola	At-large

Guests:

Amol Punjabi	AMSA
Daniel Sherman	BLS
Emily Bonnici	AFK

Regrets:

Connie Chang	President	BLS
Daniel Packer	Parliamentarian	MTG
Dalena Nguyen	Technical Coordinator	BLA

Agenda (no official agenda for today):

- Ø Officer Reports
- Ø Nationals
- Ø Community Service and Coin Wars
- Ø Officers and Mentors
- Ø Scrapbook

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting 10:36 A.M.

10:36 – People gradually fill into the room between 10:00 a.m. and 10:36 a.m. At 10:36 a.m., the MassJCL President, Connie Chang, is still absent. Julia Pan, the MassJCL 1st Vice President, assumes the role of president and begins the meeting. Julia will continue to run the meeting for its full duration. Note: Board members and chairs continue to trickle in throughout the meeting.

II. Officer Reports 10:37 A.M.

Treasurer – Mary Abrahamyan

- 10:37 – After Julia calls the meeting to order, Mary discusses the current account balance.
- 10:37 – Taking into account any necessary transactions, the account truly has about \$3,000.
- 10:38 – Although it is initially said that no real reimbursements need to be given, Ms. Fillion indicates that she needs to be reimbursed \$49 for the shuttle to Nationals. Approximately \$2200 is also owed.
- 10:38 – Everyone going on the shuttle with the group plane (47 in all) needs to pay \$49. The only exception to this are the people who already paid MassJCL for their seat on the group plane; they will pay \$10 less, so for them it will be \$39. Ms. Fillion will then need to be reimbursed for the cost of the shuttle since it's being paid for on her credit card.

Historian – Veena Lagare

- 10:39 – Veena suggests that the scrapbook should have a gladiator theme. It will be traditionally designed. Veena suggests that she put the famous gladiator quote, “Hail Caesar; we who are about to die, salute you” (*Ave, Caesar, morituri te salutant*), into the scrapbook. Veena also suggests a clever edition: They fought for Caesar, like we fight for Latin. This quote rendered into Latin: *Pugnare pro Caesare, sicut pro lingua Latina pugnamus*.
- 10:41 – All the present board members, state chairs, and guests are excited about Veena's ideas. Amol especially remarks on the potential for connections between specific types of gladiators and specific events throughout the year. For example, the andabata (blindfolded gladiator) could be used on a page that discusses the Masquerade (masked people).
- 10:43 – Veena also needs photos for the scrapbook. Amol indicates that he has in fact created a Flickr account for MassJCL. The password was disclosed at the meeting for members of the board, but it is left out of the minutes for security. The Flickr account contains many pictures, which can be used for the scrapbook. Additionally, Amol says that anyone may upload his/her own pictures of JCL events onto the Flickr account.
- 10:46 – Hanna needs certamen pictures for the scrapbook.
- 10:47 – Ms. Fillion has pictures of the National Convention in 2013 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

1st Vice President – Julia Pan

- 10:50 – As part of the 1st Vice President's responsibilities, Julia has contacted professors who might be able to give a lecture at this year's upcoming Classics Day. Of the people whom Julia has contacted, 22 candidates have responded. Of these 22, 15 have answered in the affirmative.
- 10:52 – Julia makes the point that these 15 people who have agreed to give a lecture may change their minds. According to Jeffrey Dubuisson, last year's 1st Vice President, approximately 10 professors changed their original yes's to no's on account of scheduling conflicts. Consequently, Julia indicates her current count is not definitive.
- 10:54 – Additionally, several board members have agreed to help run the MassJCL YouTube channel. These board members include: Dalena, Hanna, Linda, Connie, Veena, and Amol (former Technical Coordinator).
- 10:55 – Amol has agreed to help take the videos to be put on the YouTube channel, because he is no longer on the state board, the members of which will often be busy during JCL events.
- 10:56 – When editing videos, the issue of multiple people working on the same video is mentioned. As a possible way of dealing with this issue, people can be split into teams of two. Each team works on one video. This method avoids the cumbersome nature of five people editing the same video.
- 10:57 – It is also suggested that officers should arrive one hour early to events so that “still-life” videos can be taken. These videos would serve as an introduction to videos that include the actual participants of the events.

2nd Vice President – Hanna Seariac

10:58 – Hanna discusses Nationals.

11:15 – Jeffrey asks via text message, “How’s everyone doing?”

11:20 – Hanna then moves on to discuss community service. The Nationals community service project is the postcards to people in service. The statewide community service project, Letters to Soldiers, will begin at Kick-off.

11:22 – Hanna lists the charitable organizations each of the board members are representing in Coin Wars:

Ø Connie Chang (President) – reACT

Ø Julia Pan (1st Vice President) – water.org

Ø Hanna Seariac (2nd Vice President) – Science for Shooting Stars

Ø Abena Oworae (Secretary) – To Write Love on Her Own Arms

Ø Mary Abrahamyan (Treasurer) – StandUp for Kids

Ø Daniel Packer (Parliamentarian) – Trustees of Reservations

Ø Linda Qin (Publications Editor) – Project Moves Dance Company

Ø Veena Lagare (Historian) – Make-A-Wish Foundation

Ø Dalena Nguyen (Technical Coordinator) – Cradles to Crayons

11:24 – Hanna says that Connie and Dan still must send in their rationale for choosing their charities.

11:25 – Officers’ affiliations with these charities is part of the Coin Wars challenge. The rules of this competition are discussed at length. In the end, the board agreed that instead of pieing the winner in the face, which could be construed as juvenile and violent, the winner and loser must sing a contemporary song together. The song will be chosen by popular vote. People will vote online, which will also result in more traffic to the website! The website will also include the point values for coins and bills.

11:29 – In Coin Wars, bills count as negative points, whereas coins count as positive points. Thus, since the loser will probably have the most bills (and therefore the most money) it does make sense to have them sing as well as the winner. The winner, however, gets the money for their charity.

Publications Editor – Linda Qin

11:30 – Linda wants to upload tutorials for the computer application, Scribus, onto the MassJCL YouTube channel.

11:31 – The Scribus program is a free design software.

Secretary – Abena Oworae

11:33 – The first meeting’s minutes (the Transitional Meeting on May 31, 2014) must be posted on the MassJCL website by Amol under the 2014-2015 category for minutes. Amol uploads the minutes during the meeting and creates a 2014-2015 section under the minutes.

State Chairs

11:34 – Ms. Sinacola says that the chairs act as mentors for the new board members. If, for example, an officer wants to send an email to a large group of JCL delegates, the officer should show the email to his/her mentor before sending it out to the large group. This does not apply to emails that are only sent to other members of the board.

11:36 – The following is a list of officers and their corresponding adult mentors:

Ø Connie Chang (President) – Ms. Sinacola

Ø Julia Pan (1st Vice President) – Ms. Fillion

Ø Hanna Seariac (2nd Vice President) – Ms. Sinacola

Ø Abena Oworae (Secretary) – Dr. Nelson

Ø Mary Abrahamyan (Treasurer) – Ms. Fillion and Ms. Bauer

Ø Daniel Packer (Parliamentarian) – Dr. Nelson

Ø Linda Qin (Publications Editor) – Ms. Fillion (Dr. Nelson offered to proofread and copyedit *Forum Factorum*)

Ø Veena Lagare (Historian) – Ms. Fillion

Ø Dalena Nguyen (Technical Coordinator) – Ms. Luong

11:41 – Ms. Fillion is writing down street addresses of officers and chairs.

11:42 – As of the last MassJCL meeting, the November meeting location was tentative. At the meeting of July 12, the Nu Café in Worcester was proposed for the November meeting. It sells cheap food and receives good reviews. It is rather small, only having a capacity of about 15 people. Linda makes the point that many officers are rather small, and therefore we might be able to fit more people if necessary. The board seems to like the idea.

12:11 – Julia adjourns the meeting.

III. Meeting Adjourned

12:11 P.M.

Duration: 1 hour, 35 minutes

Summary:

This meeting precedes the National Junior Classical League Convention. During the meeting, the six present officers give their reports. The Treasurer reports a balance in the account of about \$3000. The Historian discusses her idea for a gladiator-themed scrapbook. The MassJCL Flickr account has much potential and its photographs can be used for the scrapbook. The 1st Vice President discusses her promising progress in contacting professors for Classics Day. So far, she has received 15 yes’s, but she admits that these are not definite, because professors sometimes change their mind due to scheduling conflicts that they learn about later in the year. The 2nd Vice President discusses the spirit-related materials for Nationals. Coin Wars rules are also slightly amended: the loser and winner will have to sing a popularly-chosen song in lieu of a pieing of the winner’s face. Next, the Publications Editor describes her initiative to put tutorials for Scribus on the MassJCL YouTube channel. The Secretary informs the former Technical Coordinator that the minutes for the previous meeting on May 31, 2014 must be put on the website. This is done during the meeting. The state chairs discuss the officers they will be mentoring (see page 5). Emily Bonnici shows the board and chairs her progress with the scrapbook.

Upcoming Events:

Ø National Junior Classical League Convention _____ July 27, 2014 – August 2, 2014

Ø MassJCL meeting (Northborough Library) _____ August 23, 2014

Inspirational Latin Quote: *Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas.*

Lucky was he who was able to understand the causes of things.

— Vergil, *Georgics II*

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