

**MassJCL Third Board Meeting
Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center
Saturday, August 23rd, 2014**

Present Board Members:

Connie Chang, BLS, President
Julia Pan, BLS, 1st Vice President
Abena Oworae, AKF, Secretary
Mary Abrahamyan, AMSA, Treasurer
Daniel Packer, MTG, Parliamentarian
Dalena Nguyen, BLA, Technical Coordinator

State Chairs:

Janet Fillion, BLA
Viet Luong, BLA
Anne Nelson, AKF
Nancy Sinacola, At-large
Tamara Bauer, At-large

Regrets:

Hanna Seariac, AMSA, 2nd Vice President
Veena Lagare, BLA, Historian
Linda Qin, BLS, Publications Editor

Minutes:

9:00-10:00- Chairs and officers tour venue.

10:09- Connie reads out loud the agenda.

10:09- On Nationals, Connie concludes that we did awesome.

10:10- Mary gives her report. There is \$5433.62 currently in the account. However, about \$4000 of that money has been promised. *Forum Factorum* costs will wipe out most of the rest of the money.

10:14- Dr. Nelson points out that Kick-off will bring in money.

10:14- Linda wants the contact info for the main kick-off performer. Dr. Nelson says a storyteller has been booked for \$200.

10:15- Ms. Sinacola says if we do the Berkshire bowl, students can write the questions. We have to figure out how certamen at Kick-off will be organized.

10:17- Connie suggests that her Yellow Submarine improv troupe perform in place of the storyteller. Free entertainment will save us money.

10:19- MassJCL would pay for the performers' bus fares and lunch. Connie is thinking of recruiting 6-7, at most 8, performers, from the troupe.

10:21- Connie has to find out how much bus fare for the performers will cost.

10:22- Abena sent past minutes to Amol to be put on website.

10:23- Veena is looking for Nationals memorabilia.

10:23- Julia is asking for videos/images from Nationals. Ms. Luong has videos.

10:24- We discuss if we should open a Dropbox or Flickr account to store videos and images.

10:25- Mary suggests we use tumblr to store videos/images and to encourage others to send their media in.

10:26- Luong suggests that sharing images can be a kind of contest.

10:29- The name of the photographer, their school, and the event the photograph was taken at should be displayed.

10:31- It is Veena's job to be the administrator of the tumblr. If a tag is used it will be #massjcl. However, it is decided that it would be best for pictures to be simply submitted to the tumblr, no tags needed.

10:36- The information about the tumblr page should be in the September mailing packet.

10:36- Dan is drafting a letter for the September mailing packet. He is asking for board members to share campaign stories. It is agreed that the best place for the stories should be the *Forum Factorum*.

10:39- Dalena discusses the updates she has made for the website.

10:41- Mary finishes setting up tumblr page: massjcl.tumblr.com

10:44- Dalena is looking into presenting the whole scrapbook on the website. The Nationals section of the website is not yet complete.

10:46- Sinacola says that Dalena should update the forms on the website.

10:46- Bauer says Dalena should include links to external Classics organizations.

10:47- There should be a link page. The Ascanius form should be replaced with a simple link on the Link Page.

10:49- Dalena suggests that we put videos online of chariot races and other convention events. Also, exemplars of things like Dramatic Interpretation performances should be put online.

10:51- When every officer has answered Dalena's Questions they will be put on the website.

10:54- The BLS bus to Kick-off costs \$18 for each person.

10:55- For Classics Day workshops, Julia has gotten 32 responses, 17 said yes, but this number is subject to change as school schedules are reviewed. 12 did not reply, 14 said no, 1 said maybe, and 8 have actual workshop ideas.

10:56- Ms. Bauer is going to speak with Kenneth Rothwell to present at Classics Day. The theme for Classics Day is "Mythology: Religion of Yore."

10:58- Julia wants to continue the WeareMAJCL Youtube channel. She wants a parliamentarian video, a Kick-off invitational video, a parliamentarian in action at states video, certamen videos , sketches, publicity rules video, community service rules video, publications tutorial videos, scrapbooking video, and a Nationals nostalgia video.

11:02- Connie and Mary want to do a vlog of Kick-off.

11:04- Hannna says the newsletter is on Facebook/website.

List of Coin Wars organizations

- Connie Chang (Pres.) - reACT (read. empower. ACT)
- Julia Pan (1st VP)- water.org
- Abena Oworae (Sec.)- Basic Needs US
- Hanna Seariac (2nd VP)- Science for Shooting Stars
- 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

We must buy new jars for Coin Wars. Ms. Sinacola will be getting said jars.

11:09- Ms. Fillion is unsure about the MassJCL Challenge. She feels that it detracts from the initial purpose of chapter community service which is to have a majority of the chapter engage in community service events together. The MassJCL Challenge is too individualistic, in her opinion. It is also discussed that it doesn't seem right for the challenge to be for points.

11:12- The officers and state chairs should do the ice bucket challenge and challenge other state officers.

11:15- Ms. Fillion prefers the Letters to Soldiers community service, but wonders if it can be expanded to journalists and others.

11:18- An ALS ice bucket challenge-style campaign is considered. Someone could do a service event and challenge others to it.

11:20- However, we would not want to detract from the current challenge campaign and therefore we consider for publicity/service, shopping in a toga and bringing food to a pantry.

11:22- We also consider doing other activities, such as caroling in a toga. Ms. Fillion likes the challenge format, but we all agree that Hanna should reconsider her approach.

11:28- Connie says that an individual should either do something in a toga or donate as an alternative and if one does both they should send Hanna the amount they donated for her to keep a running total.

11:30- We go on a lunch break.

12:42- Hanna's report is read. Hanna suggests three days of spirit at State Convention, during and walking into General Assembly like Ohio does. This would emulate Nationals guidelines.

12:44- It is discussed that spirit can only take place at the 2nd and 3rd General Assemblies.

12:46- Mary suggests that we do spirit going to dinner.

12:46- The issue of spirit days is undecided.

12:47- Hanna says that the Boston Common hotel is available and is best fiscal choice for Snowball (Midnight Masquerade).

12:49- Julia says goal should be not losing money at all this year on Snowball.

12:50- March 21st, February 7th, April 4th- days available for Snowball; February is out because of ACTs, so Snowball will most likely take place on March 21st. The caterers are TBD. However, Hanna wants to spend money on outside catering. Connie thinks that last year's caterers who provided quality food would be the same price as outside catering.

Julia says we should ask Kick-off Congress about whether to keep the Kick-off talent show or switch it to an Open Mic, as Hanna suggested. With the talent show, the dance would go from 5-9, and without the talent show, it would go from 6-9.

12:56- Dalena suggests using Mr. Matthieu as the DJ.

12:57- Connie is "totally down to DJ."

12:58- Hanna knows photographers, but weddings would take precedence for them.

1:00- It is stated that the event must be in Boston because most of those who come to the dance are from Boston.

1:03- State chairs: Ms. Fillion's records show that we lost a little over \$10,000 with the biggest loss from States. We lost over \$2000 from Nationals because we didn't make enough from

Rent-A-Roman, the bazaar, etc. to make up for the Nationals subsidies, certamen fees, etc. Also, Spirit fees were not received from everyone. The "Miscellaneous" column in the financial records needs clarification. We made money on Classics Day and Kick-off.

1:08- Mary needs to look through last year's expenses to clarify everything.

1:08- Ms. Bauer says we need to be better stewards and we need to make more/spend less money.

1:08- Fillion says the *Forum Factorum* is getting more and more expensive because of color.

1:09- We discuss whether they are read in our schools.

1:10- Mary suggests only sending a few copies to schools.

1:12- 300 *Forum Factorum* issues are being made for the September mailing packet.

1:13- September mailing packet, Classics Day, State Convention, State Convention results - the 4 newsletter issues.

1:19- Ms. Fillion creates final formula for sending newsletters. Clubs with 0-20 members get 5 issues, 21-40 members get 10 issues, 41-150 members get 20 issues, 151 and above get 30 issues.

1:22- \$2 for dues should be raised to \$3, says Ms. Bauer.

1:25- Most schools will not have an issue with the rise in price.

1:30- Daniel motions for state dues to be raised to three dollars from two dollars. Dalena seconds the movement. It passes unanimously.

1:34- Because time is running short, it is decided that we will discuss State Convention details at a later time.

1:35- Mary says that the one problem she has with the venue of the Sturbridge Host Hotel for State Convention is that there is no solid place for Olympika. We have about 40 swimmers competing in swimming Olympika. There is a YMCA 10 minutes away from the hotel, however. Mary is going to take care of getting information from YMCAs and seeing if we can use the swimming pool of the YMCA near Sturbridge.

1:39- Last year, swimming Olympika ran from 6:30 AM-8:00 AM.

1:43- Ms. Bauer says we might need one bus to the YMCA and another bus to the high school, if we are able to secure a high school track near the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

1:44- We may be able to do the Worm on the grass of the Sturbridge Host Hotel, and the Chariot Race in the hotel's parking lot.

1:46- We have to decide Ludi activities. We can do Ludi paddleboats and volleyball with what the hotel provides. We still have to decide on the official Ludi activities.

1:47- Kick-off: Connie asks the chairs if there is an official schedule for Kick-off. Ms. Bauer says we always have a general schedule. Activities: Clark Art Museum. Berkshire bowl at beginning. Catapult contest. Certamen scrimmages. Connie and the Yellow Submarine improv troupe or storyteller. Officer workshops. Hula hoop contest. Worm race.

1:50- Connie asks if the state officers will get an official Kick-off schedule. It is stated that Ms. Keeley makes the schedule and Dr. Nelson helps; one of them will have to be contacted to get a hold of the official schedule.

1:54- Dan says that a MassJCLer expressed in an email to him that they felt that it was a conflict of interest for board members to stand for charities they are closely related to in Coin Wars. This issue is under discussion.

1:59- The meeting is adjourned.

Important Dates:

October 25th- Catapult Contest/ Kick-off

December 5th- Classics Day