

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 25, 2012  
AMSA Charter School

I. Call to order: 10: 16 am

II. Attendance: 10: 17 am

Board Members:

Rahi Punjabi-	President	AMSA
Maddie Kilgannon-	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	BLS
Katelin Marchand-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	MG
Jason Rowley-	Secretary	LUN
Emma McMahon	Parliamentarian	BARN
Aaron Ziemer	Treasurer	MG
Ava Violich-	Historian	BLS
Joana Jankulla-	Publications Editor	BLA

State Chairs:

Anne Nelson-	AKF
Tamara Bauer-	BARN
Janet Fillion-	BLA
Nancy Sinacola-	AMSA
Viet Luong-	BLA

Guests:

Georgie Contreras-	BLA
Henry Tsang-	BLS
Ms. Hausey-	BLS

Absent:

Jeffrey Dubuisson-	Technical Coordinator	BLA
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III. Reports: 10:18 am

Treasurer: Aaron Ziemer

- Writing checks to reimburse officers and chairs during the meeting.
- The amount of money in the MassJCL account is around \$4,000.

Secretary: Jason Rowley

- Edited the minutes from the last Board Meeting and emailed them to the Technical Coordinator to put on the website.
- Is currently typing the minutes of this meeting and plans to get the minutes out in less than two days to be edited and have a final copy emailed to the Technical Coordinator by Saturday.

Parliamentarian: Emma McMahon

- Is currently compiling a list of amendments and by-laws for the next meeting.
- If you have suggestions for additions for the amendments or by-laws then email Emma with the change(s) you want.

Second Vice President: Katelin Marchand

Nationals Spirit Recap:

- Every delegate from Massachusetts did a fantastic job with spirit.
- Even though we did not win an award for spirit it was still a good experience. The location of the MassJCL in the Wait Chapel wasn't the best (in the back of the Chapel with dim lights and a column blocking parts of our delegation from view).
- Awards for spirit were presented to schools that did not get a spirit award in the past few years. Ms. Bauer is going to talk to the National Committee about how it is judged.
- The spirit at certamen was awesome.

Snowball:

- Katelin wants to expand snowball to give a tour of the Museum of Science. She hasn't talked to the museum but it might be too expensive. Snowball is meant to be a social event not an academic experience. If the Museum of Science is included will the number of attendees go up?
- She wants to improve the experience by having the snowball overnight. She has contacted the hotel and asked about staying overnight. If the Snowball is overnight the hotel will require us to pay for a certain amount of food. If it is overnight then parents don't have to pick up students until the next day. The cost would go up for Snowball if we were to have it overnight at a hotel and might cause less students to attend. There may be a Board meeting at the hotel to see if it is worth the extra expenses to stay overnight.
- The date for Snowball will either be February 2<sup>nd</sup> or February 9<sup>th</sup> because Katelin does not want to have the Snowball at the end of February vacation. The Snowball might be scheduled on the same day as the BLS certamen tournament.
- Should the Snowball be at a school so that we can gain money? During the past few years the MassJCL lost money on the Snowball. It is Katelin's goal to make money on the Snowball or break even.
- Should school bazaars be included with the Snowball to get more students to attend?
- At the last Snowball there were television panels showing music videos that dancers did not enjoy. Should we reduce the money that will be spent on the entertainment? This Snowball there will be no music videos.
- Overall we need more JCLers to attend in order to even out the expenses. In order to do this we need to include other schools. One idea to encourage more schools to attend is to grant one free ticket to each new school coming. Should there be a couple tickets taped under chairs at Classics Day?

Service Project:

- Last year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Samantha Collette organized a clothing drive as her Service Project.
- Katelin wants to organize a book drive as this year's Service Project. Books are easier to transport to the location they will be collected (at events throughout the year). It will also be easier to transport them across the country to schools and libraries that need them. There is a book drive on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Boston (the books can be donated then).
- Another idea for a Service Project would be to collect classics books for schools that are starting a Latin program at their schools.
- Like at Nationals we could implement coin wars as a fundraiser. Coins can be collected throughout the year at events and could be donated towards a charity. The current amount of coins for each Officer could be displayed on the website.

First Vice President: Maddie Kilgannon

Classics Day:

- There are ten people committed to teach workshops including Ava Violich. Some professors still haven't responded to the emails she has been sending all summer. She is not giving up however and will continue to email professors.
- The theme for this year's Classics Day is "The Arts of Ancient Greece and Rome".
- At last year's Classics Day there were twenty-four workshops. She is contacting Mike for a list of Harvard students offering to do workshops.
- The deadline to register for Classics Day will be at the beginning of November.
- Needs to get a price for lunch.
- All the money needs to be sent to Ms. Bauer who will deposit it in the MassJCL account.

Publications Editor: Joana Jankulla

Forum Factorum:

- The second issue of the Forum Factorum has been published and contains colored pictures on the front and back.

Historian: Ava Violich

Scrapbook Theme:

- The theme for this year's scrapbook is "Appreciation of How the Roman Civilization led to our Organization Today".
- She needs to create the visual example for the theme and will have it with her for the meeting in November.
- This year we will implement a new series of steps for creating scrapbooks. There will be a deadline for a theme before the Historian starts the scrapbook. After each event is over the Historian needs to create a scrapbook page by the next event. This change will help the Historian create the scrapbook overtime so that the scrapbook looks nice.

- There needs to be many people to offer up photos and there needs to be a place for the photos to be collaborated. MassJCL could have a Flickr account for photographers to upload photos and videos on.
- Someone needs to email people and make a list of people who usually send pictures so that the Historian has an easier time gathering quality photos. The whole process of gathering photos needs to be more systematic.

Format:

- The cover is an important component to the scrapbook and needs to be practical (move, open, durable, etc.). She wants to use a wooden cover for the scrapbook.
- Credit needs to be given to the photographer and should say where they came from. Names of who is in the photo should be included.
- To match the theme there could be a design at the bottom of the page showing the development of the catapult and facts of other developments in the Roman world throughout the scrapbook. It could use examples found in the JCL creed. Pages need to have a uniform style throughout the scrapbook. The theme needs to be well defined on each page.
- She will bring the pages she has completed to the next meeting.
- Even though it is not complete the scrapbook should be on display at State Convention.
- At the National Convention this past year the judges gave feedback that most scrapbooks didn't have a concurrent on every pages, there was little to no original art work, there was no of table of contents in many scrapbooks, and little memorabilia.

Technical Coordinator: Jeffrey Dubuisson

Website:

- Wants to change the cover photo to a photograph of many different chapters doing community service projects.
- When group of students are doing community service for MassJCL they can take pictures of themselves wearing their local or state T-shirt and post on the website.
- It was discussed that the large cover photo needs to be the size it is currently to draw attention. Could a slideshow could be instituted as the cover.
- Upcoming events should be listed on the side and updates could be listed (change of dates).
- Dates on the website should be listed on a page and not labeled on a calendar (easier to find dates of events).
- Maddie Kilgannon has the scores from the final rounds of certamen at Nationals. Should they be listed on the website?
- An idea of installing Dream Weaver onto a flash drive for future Technical Coordinators arose.

- Should updates about National Convention be included on the website throughout year?
- The website could have a section of downloadable forms for events that teachers could use to send the Board numbers for the amount of students coming to events and to give an estimation of how many lunches need to be purchases. This technique of acquiring information will only be successful if teachers fill out the forms and fill the forms out correctly.

President: Rahi Punjabi

Officer Binders:

- The Board has received officer binders. Officer binders are half inch binders to be used as an organizational tool so that Board members can organize information more easily. The binder includes tab dividers and a calendar that Board members can mark as they please. It also includes contact information for the Board and Chairs for easy access to information. The tip section in the binder is an area for current Board members to write helpful tips to future Board members when the binders are passed on to them in the future.

State Chairs: Anne Nelson, Tamara Bauer, Janet Fillion, Nancy Sinacola, and Viet Luong

Convention Schedule:

- The only date that the chairs have been able to acquire for State Convention is May 12<sup>th</sup>. The date may change but it is the only possible date so far.
- The Chairs met and created a rough copy of a schedule for State Convention.
- The problem with the building a concrete schedule for State Convention is that there are not enough judges because teachers are overextended. Many events are scheduled to start at a certain time and then get pushed to a later time because students and teachers are late or students have questions. Then the ending time of the particular event gets pushed to a later time and throws off the whole schedule.
- Time is being lost during transitions of events.

Creative Contests:

- Most of the Creative Contests are currently scheduled to occur on Friday night. Dramatic Interpretation and Sight Reading have become the two larger creative contests so they are split up and paired with either the Oratory or the Costume on either Friday night or Saturday morning.
- The contests themselves can not be split into multiple sessions because the contests need the same judge and sometimes judges forget to show up for contests or they are needed for something else.
- Currently the testing session is not scheduled to occur on Friday night but if it is moved back then it would be difficult to run the contest sessions on Friday night.

Entertainment:

- There may be a pool party scheduled to occur during the time of the testing session if it continues to occur on Friday night. The number of swimmers in the pool is limited because of the size; however, the contests

may thin that out. Extra lifeguards may have to be hired to compensate for the large crowd. There might be a problem with the bus running all night to and from the hotel because people will want to “hang out” in their hotel rooms.

- It was decided that it would be okay to hire the hypnotist as entertainment every other year.
- Impromptu art could be scheduled to occur on Friday night in two rooms separated by grade or in the Senior café.

#### Olympika:

- Olympika is currently scheduled to occur on Saturday afternoon.
- There should be several heats for each event and it should not be up to the judge for whether or not you get to run because you were late.
- This year there needs to be walkie talkies, sign ups for each heat, a detailed schedule showing approximate times for each heat, and maybe late passes like at Nationals.
- The speakers on the track could be used so that athletes can hear announcements.

#### Testing Session:

- The Testing session is scheduled to occur on Saturday morning.
- If the PAC can be used as the main room for testing everyone can test in the same room like at Nationals (supply delegates with card board as a writing surface however many test takers despised the cardboard at Nationals). Testing could also occur in the cafeteria but if there is a session on Saturday morning then there will have to be a break for the janitors to clean up the cafeteria before the Testing session if it is scheduled to occur after breakfast.
- Students could be split into different areas depending on the amount of tests they are scheduled to complete. Students taking many exams could be separated into the Senior café and the majority of the students who are taking less exams could be held in the PAC or Cafeteria. Students taking more tests could also start an hour earlier to grant more time for taking the tests but will have to be held for at least an hour after the session starts (if the Testing session starts an hour earlier for the students taking more tests than they could both be scheduled to end at the same time).
- Having two test sessions might cause people to skip but we will have to make it their responsibility to take the required amount of tests.
- The chairs will review the situation concerning the Testing session but may have to consider other options.

#### Amendments Meeting and Open Forum:

- The Amendments meeting and Open Forum could be scheduled for an earlier time. The amendments meeting and Open Forum do not need to be scheduled to occur after the second General Assembly.
- The second General Assembly could be scheduled for a time after dinner. After the second General Assembly contest sessions could be held.

#### Certamen:

- Certamen questions are online but are currently only on the SCL website even though they should be accessible on both the SCL and JCL websites. The questions for tests at States also need to be posted on the website. Both the tests and certamen questions need to be accessible and professional so that students can download them to study from.
- The certamen CD should be emailed to teachers. There should be a presentation about the CDs at the Kickoff event and there should be an area for people to leave comments about them on the website.
- There should be more information and outlines about what level of certamen you qualify to compete in located on the website.
- Participation points will be awarded to schools for attending tournaments throughout the year (not scrimmages). These points will count towards the trophy at State Convention so that small schools feel they have a chance for the trophy. Participation points will also encourage more people to attend certamen tournaments.
- Should certamen competitions this year consist of three rounds of twenty questions or four rounds of fifteen questions? Four rounds of fifteen questions would allow competitors to play against different certameners and would spread the points more evenly between all of the teams.

Officer Etiquette:

- All of the Board members have been fulfilling their duties as stated in the constitution and the so far the term has been moving along smoothly.
- Board members should treat SCLers as chaperones at National Convention so that younger students know to respect and listen to them.
- Board members need to be sure that nothing negative is posted on facebook and because it reflects upon the JCL.

Lunch

12:53 pm

IV. Contest Rules:

1:23 pm

- The budget for the costume contest at State Convention has been changed to reflect the \$40 amount used in the costume contest at the National Convention.
- Pertaining to the photography contest there are now new rule for the contests and a new section. The three categories are Black and White, Computer enhanced, and traditional. In the traditional category contrasting, color balance, and cropping are allowed. Judges need to be aware of this change so that they do not penalize the photographs.
- Even though there is no miscellaneous category at the National Convention it will still be included as a category in the Graphic Arts section on the state level.
- Could the location of the swimming olympika be altered? There is a local Y that may allow us to rent the pool for Saturday morning. If the swimming Olympika is held at the Y then two buses will be needed to transport the students to and from the Y.

- The winners of the overall award in olympika are usually students that compete in swimming olympika which has fewer participants and is easier to be granted awards in. This however, is not fair to the delegates who are competing in the track and field events. There will be two categories of olympika: track and field olympika and swimming olympika.
- Tennis olympika has not counted towards the overall sweepstakes but if the tennis olympika was to count towards the sweepstakes there would have to be a new system to keep score. If there are facilities for the tennis olympika and guidelines for the tournament then it will count towards the sweepstakes.
- In the Community Service contest the guidelines will change to the number of hours your chapter completes with no personal hours. For the community service to be valid students must include a written report and pictures of students showing that the JCL chapter preformed the stated community service. The community service needs to be one in the name of JCL, not as part of the community service your High School requires you to complete in order to graduate.
- If your chapter is participating in a walk or fundraiser the students need to show that the JCL group is a sub section of the walk or fundraiser (using signs or T-shirts). You must publicize the JCL through your fundraiser.
- At Classics Day the skit competition will count toward the state trophy. Points will be awarded to the winners of the skit competition and the participants of the competition. At States the role call skit will not receive points towards the state trophy because they are only 40 seconds long and usually do not relate to the classics. SCLers need to be aware that the skit winners are to be awarded points that count towards the state trophy. This will raise the quality of the skits and will get rid of the random the skits because in order to be granted an award the skit needs to be connected to the classics day theme or the NJCL theme.
- In the toga parade at State Convention musical instruments are allowed but noise makers are not.
- The campaign expenses have been raised from the amount of \$10 to the amount of \$20.
- After the voting fellowship voting ballots should be brought to the lobby where the Parliamentarian will collect them.
- The delegates from each chapter that go to the Amendments meeting and Open Forum do not have to be the same.
- The national rubric needs to be used for the scrapbook and website contests.

#### New Contests:

- The Promotional video contest is a new contest and has the same outline as the National Promotional video contest. The video cannot exceed three minutes in length and the videos should be entered by April first. If a chapter sends their video in early then the video could be shown at the Kickoff Event or at Classics Day and could be awarded bonus points.

Aaron Ziemer moves to accept the alterations discussed.

Jason Rowley seconds the motion.

The motion passes to accept the alterations discussed about the white pages

V. September Mailing Packet: 1:48 pm

- Many of the dates for the certamen events are to be determined but there is a general idea about the month of which the tournament will be held.
- There is a list of chapters that will be receiving the September mailing packet.

VI. Kick-off Event: 2:06 pm

It is up the Executive Board to change the Kickoff Event as Ms. Keeley is no longer a Chair.

- The Clark is undergoing renovations so a decision can be made to have a choice in the Clark's place but there may be a fee for other museums/exhibits in the area (the Clark is free).
- The worm and hoola-hoop contests will be held this year.
- The catapult rules need to be put online. Aaron is revising the catapult rule and will keep a list of the people coming to the Kick-off event and will collect money at the door with Ms. Bauer.

Berkshire Bowl:

- The Berkshire Bowl should be scripted but it has to constantly be funny and keep the audience entertained the whole time. There should be a few straight questions.
- An idea for the Berkshire Bowl was to have a lifeline as an actual string with a student on the other end.
- The whole school should be involved (students could help answer, cheer, etc.). There can be funny visual and drawing questions. Worm and hoola hoop contests will stay. Aaron will keep a list of the people coming and the money will be collected at the door.

Contest Workshops:

- The contest workshops that will be set up at the Kick-off Event are workshops on the: Publicity contest, Publication contest, and the Community Service contest.

VII. Other Business: 2:29 pm

Meeting Date & Location Changes:

- The location of the next Board meeting is BLS and the date of the meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Other:

- To encourage schools that are not on the Board to attend meetings a point could be awarded to each school that has at least one student attend one Board meeting. The point will count towards the State trophy.

Jason Rowley moves to close to meeting.

Katelin Marchand seconds the movement.

VII. Adjournment: 2:38 pm