

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting
Held at Barnstable High School in Hyannis, MA on Friday, August 3rd 2007
Minutes taken by Grace Thomas, 2007-2008 Mass JCL Secretary

In Attendance:

Executive Board Members:

- Rebecca Gwaltney (Notre Dame Academy) 07-08 President
- Mark McNally (Catholic Memorial High School) 07-08 1st Vice President
- Jacob Meister (Boston Latin School) 07-08 2nd Vice President
- Grace Thomas (Lunenburg High School) 07-08 Secretary
- David Rosenthal (Mount Greylock Regional High School) 07-08 Parliamentarian
- Paula Luong (Boston Latin Academy) 07-08 Technical Coordinator

State Chairs/Sponsors:

- Ms. Janet Fillion (Boston Latin Academy) State Chair
- Ms. Victoria Miklosky (Barnstable High School) State Chair

Guests:

- Zachary Hall (Abby Kelly Foster)
- Tahisha Desir (Boston Latin Academy)
- Jared Hicks (Boston Latin Academy)
- Isaac Meister (Harvard University) SCL

Minutes:

11:52 – Rebecca Gwaltney, Mass JCL President, calls the meeting to order.

11:53 – Rebecca starts off with her officer report. She is currently working on the September packet, which includes contest rules, events, etc. etc. throughout the year. In the packet, there will also be flyers from Paula, Maria, and Chris.

11:54 – Mark McNally, the 1st Vice President, starts his officer report with information on Classics Day. He is contacting numerous adults to hold workshops. Only Professor Fu has replied. He is promoting a Classics Day logo by contacting radio stations and news stations. Isaac offers to hold a workshop on how to start certamen at schools.

11:57 - Ms. Fillion, one of our state chairs, gives the treasurer's report in place of Anthony Pan who is could not attend the meeting. We have approximately \$5400.

12:00 - Becca gives the editor's report in place of Christopher Chan, who is our current Publication's Editor. He would like representatives of schools who went to nationals to send the names of the winners to Chris; however, the National Committee has agreed to send the award winners to us directly =). Chris has a pending request for an article about hosting the convention at Barnstable and for an article on the Europa fountain from nationals. Alexa Wall volunteers to write the Barnstable convention article and Jacob Meister volunteers to write the Europa fountain article. One last request from Chris is for all the officers to send him mug shots.

12:07 - Paula has set up the Mass JCL web site. She has posted the old Forum Factorums in PDF already.

12:11 – Ms. Keeley, a state chair in absentia, has officially announced that the Catapult Contest is October 20th. For the first time EVER, it does not conflict with anything (i.e. SATs).

12:13 – Ms. Fillion puts forth the thought of in order to gain membership from JCL, you can fill out a form digitally and send the money to the treasurer, Anthony. Also, groups of Mass JCLers, who are either part of the board or who have been to nationals, will go out to schools that have Latin and present the possibility of joining JCL at after-school hours.

12:25 –

Ideas for Joining JCL:

**Just a quote that amused me - "you've got to catch them while they're young" – in the words of Jacob Meister

1. Talk about all the fun things we do, like dances, catapults, parties, etc.
2. Make interesting videos (i.e. Miklosky's chariot accident and Rosenthal's catapulting watermelons)

12:39 - Forum Factorum: The board passes a motion for the last newsletter to go to the printer within a week of state convention.

12:47 - The tentative date for the next state convention is the 11th-13th of April. If that presents problems in the future, the new tentative date will be the week before that. The reason for not having the state convention at the usual date, the last week of April, is because there are conflicts with SATs, AP Exams, and the week before it is April vacation. The location for the convention will be the same, Barnstable High School. We are, however, switching to the Holiday Inn, where there will be no military unit and we will be roomed in one section. Many board members mention the need for food to improve in both quantity and quality. The board has an amusing time thinking back to the food at states...

1:15 – Isaac Meister, a member of the SCL, suggests having a state academic chair to mold young minds and make the world a better place. Tests would be standardized and not written “hodge-podge” by SCLers. There should be a certamen-starter packet, with questions and suggestions and whatever else is deemed necessary to start the marvelous and unending sport of certamen. News has it that Harvard University may start scrimmages again, due to David Camden, and which would possibly bring private schools into JCL.

1:28 - The Classical Art test is being added to the contests in the state convention packet, although we've always had it. We are hoping that the possibility of 2 different levels for the grammar test will be put into action. If people don't know how to play certamen, then they can email Sella Fillion and/or look at the flyer that we will soon create. David moves for a motion to take both the Classical and Empire Costume contests out of the program. Jacob seconds. Vote is 4-3 in favor of deletion. The motion passes. It is agreed that all pre-convention writing will be submitted digitally in word document or rich text form.

1:49 - The convention packet will be mailed in December. We are adding the rule of making all graphic arts projects between last states and this states, to mirror the njcl rule. A delegate's name cannot appear on any graphic arts projects, excluding scrapbook. There shall be no computer-generated material except for the rules for games and for multimedia.

2:02 - Multimedia presentations do not have to play in stand-alone DVD players (e.g. Flash presentations).

2:08 - No single song may comprise 30 seconds or 10% of the multimedia. Credits cannot contain the delegate's name.

2:13 – For the scrapbook category, the events in it must start no earlier than the beginning of last year's state convention (April 27th, 2007).

2:15 - For community service, it's a group contest. There will be no portfolio points. Percentages are 50% for both number of hours and number of hours per person.

2:33 - For community outreach, the percentages need to be more defined. We decided that 70% is based on quantity, which is the approximate size of the audience and 30% is based on quality, which is the originality and effort put into the event (judge's decision).

2:39 - For publicity, see the rules on the home page of massjcl.org. It is two separate contests: 1) Most (self-explanatory) and 2) Best (opinion of the judge(s))

2:45 – The publications' deadline will change. April 1st is now March 1st and February 1st is now January 15th.

2:50 – The T-shirt Contest deadline is January 15th. There is no need for an explanation of the T-shirt. If it's not obvious, then we won't use it. The Latin theme should be on it, but the English does not need to be.

2:54 – For state officer election information, contact David Rosenthal, Mass JCL parliamentarian, or massjcl.org.

2:55 – Sue, the representative for the culinary options at Barnstable High enters the room. She can get vegetarian entrees, as long as we provide ideas. For dinner entrees, chicken, chicken, chicken! Also, the next night could possibly have lasagna or some type of pasta. There needs to be more vegetables. For lunches, there are suggestions for burgers and macaroni 'n' cheese. Vegetarian burgers will have to be the vegetarian option. For breakfast, a variety of cereals would be great, along with waffles and French toast sticks.

3:06 – Spirit Procession = Toga Parade

3:08 – David proposes we have a sheet with all the deadlines on it. Brilliance!

3:11 – National Subsidies: Any adult who is responsible for kids, not including SCL, will get the national subsidy. In addition, any new schools that have not gone to state convention for 4 years will get a subsidy for up to 2 students. Furthermore, the incoming and outgoing Mass JCL board will get subsidies. Ms. Fillion moves for a motion. Jacob seconds. Vote is unanimous. Motion passes.

3:20 – Tentative dates for future meetings:

1. Saturday, September 15th from 10-2
 2. Saturday, November 17th from 10-2
 3. Saturday, February 2nd from 10-2, snow date is the 9th
 4. Saturday, March 29th from 10-2
 5. *Transition Meeting* Saturday, May 24th from 10-2
- No locations have been decided.

3:28 – The board has covered all areas of the agenda. Mark moves for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacob seconds. In the opinion of the Secretary, the motion passes. Meeting adjourned.