

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
 MINUTES FOR TRANSITIONAL MEETING | NORTHBOROUGH LIBRARY
 MAY 30, 2015 -- PRID. KAL. IUN. A.U.C. MMDCCCLXVIII

Board Members Present:

Linda Qin	President	BLS
Allyson Ping	1 st Vice President	BLS
Veena Lagare	2 nd Vice President	BLA
Daniel Sherman	Secretary	BLS
Anusha Kulkarni	Treasurer	AMSA
Dalena Nguyen	Parliamentarian	BLA
Najla Nassar	Publications Editor	MTG
Anushree Iyengar	Technical Coordinator	AMSA

Former Board Members Present:

Connie Chang	Former President	BLS
Julia Pan	Former 1 st Vice President	BLS
Hanna Seariac	Former 2 nd Vice President	AMSA
Abena Oworae	Former Secretary	AKF
Mary Abrahamyan	Former Treasurer	AMSA
Linda Qin	Former Publications Editor (current President)	BLS
Veena Lagare	Former Historian (current 2 nd Vice President)	BLA
Dalena Nguyen	Former Technical Coordinator (current Parliamentarian)	BLA

State Chairs:

Tamara Bauer	At-Large
Janet Fillion	BLA
Catherine Foley	BLS
Viet Luong	BLA
Nancy Sinacola	At-Large

Guests:

Sherilyn Hausey	Teacher/Sponsor	BLS
Theresa Hsieh	AMSA JCL Historian	AMSA
Marjorie Keeley	Teacher/Sponsor	MTG
Elizabeth Moguel	Teacher/Sponsor	BLS
Anne Nelson	Former State Chair	AKF

Regrets:

Daniel Packer	Former Parliamentarian	MTG
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Highlights:

1. The Board and State Chairs voted between Emily Bonnici, Brittany Gagnon, and Shreya Murthy for the new MassJCL Historian. After a discussion, the Board voted to admit Emily Bonnici to the new Board.
2. Seventeen people, including MassJCL officers and sponsors, will be receiving \$150 subsidies for participating in National Convention.

3. The treasury currently has \$7100, but this total will be greatly reduced after many impending and upcoming debts are paid.
4. Student attendants at Nationals will be required to pay a \$10 spirit fee, which will provide them with a shirt and several spirit-related props and materials. Students will be allowed to keep these items.
5. Ms. Fillion will soon be sending out an email to all those attending Nationals concerning payment for airfare and shuttling in San Antonio. This email will contain all necessary information about the quantity of money required and to whom it should be sent.
6. New MassJCL officers are given passwords to their State officer email accounts. They will be invited to change the password upon signing in.
7. All the most recent *Forum Factorum* editions, the *Convention Ear*, and the updates MassJCL Constitution have been uploaded online.
8. The Scrapbook is in its final stages of production, and the MassJCL website has been submitted to NJCL for the website contest.
9. MassJCL will be obtaining an account with Adobe Creative Cloud, software that affords its users with a full assortment of Adobe apps, such as InDesign and Illustrator, which provide advanced programs for graphic design and document creation.
10. Old officers will be filling out a survey, which asks them to effectively chronicle their time as MassJCL officers and discuss their experiences and duties so that future candidates will have a good idea about the true meaning of being an officer on the MassJCL Board.
11. The 1st Vice President has created a webpage for Publicity, and has also created a Google folder shared with the other MassJCL officers and State Chairs. This folder contains several documents, which discuss the various plans for social media usage with respect to MassJCL as well as plans for the MassJCL YouTube channel.
12. Allyson has six confirmed professors who will be able to lecture at this year's Classics Day, held on Thursday, December 3, 2015. The theme is "A Day in the Life: the Classical World," and lectures will focus on daily aspects of Roman civilization, a topic that is generally not provided enough attention.
13. The Concord Ruling is a piece of potentially spurious legislation, which supposedly prevents organizations from charging students fees to attend events held during school hours. This could prohibit MassJCL from holding Classics Day. However, its validity still has yet to be determined.
14. Although Sturbridge received generally positive feedback, State Convention next year cannot be held there due to their hosting of other groups during the same time period. Consequently, States 2016 will be held at Barnstable again.
15. Ms. Foley is looking for any other alternatives, which solve any problems with Barnstable, viz. the inconvenience of bussing and limitations in food. Since most other venues are either too small or too expensive, we are confident that Barnstable will be our venue for 2016 and that JCLers will stay at the Holiday Inn Hotel.
16. State Convention in 2017 will be again held at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center.
17. In future, Sturbridge will offer MassJCL more rooms. With these additional rooms and through the more effective use of space in the auditorium, more space will be placed between test takers in order to reduce the opportunities for copying answers.
18. For future State Conventions, if the schedule permits, workshops will be incorporated into the day. If students wish, they can attend these workshops to learn about academic, creative, and practical subjects. Additionally, trivia contests will be instituted to consume any

remaining free time at Convention. Trivia presents an alternative to those, who do not wish to play Certamen. Contestants can work in teams.

19. The Spirit Party, an event preceding Nationals when attendants practice cheers, will be held at Houghton's Pond in Milton tentatively on June 27.
20. Saturday Certamen practices at Boston University will also begin towards the end of June; however, an official starting date has not yet been announced.
21. The Board decided upon the dates for every MassJCL Board meeting for the upcoming year. For a comprehensive list, see the Upcoming Events section at the end of the Minutes. For the reasoning behind the dates, see Minutes under Part VIII: Upcoming Meeting Dates.
22. The next MassJCL Board meeting is scheduled for July 11 and will be held at Boston University.

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting 10:18 A.M.

10:18 – Linda calls the meeting to order.

II. Historian State of Emergency 10:18 A.M.

10:18 – Three people submitted letters of interest for the position of Historian: Emily Bonnici, Shreya Murthy, Brittany Gagnon (in order of receipt). Copies of these letters are distributed to the State Chairs and new Board members, and the previous Board members leave from the room during the subsequent deliberation.

10:20 – After everyone has thoroughly read over all three letters, a discussion follows and eventually the Board and Chairs cast their votes.

10:49 – It is decided that Emily Bonnici will be the 2015-2016 MassJCL Historian.

III. Monetary Matters 10:50 A.M.

10:50 – Last year, the Board members and State Chairs received \$100 subsidies for their attendance at Nationals. Seventeen people will be receiving subsidies this year. This list does not include past Board members, as was the case in some years past. However, the list includes the entire new MassJCL Board except for Anusha, who will not be attending Nationals this year, as well as Tamara Bauer, Janet Fillion, Daphne François, Karyn Greene, Sherilyn Hausey, Michael Howard, Marjorie Keeley, Viet Luong, and Elizabeth Moguel.

10:53 – A discussion follows concerning the amount of money everyone will receive. Enough money must be left in the treasury to provide for other expenses, such as the costs of spirit-related items and events. Currently, approximately \$7100 represents MassJCL's bank account balance. This figure, however, does not count two expenses: a \$550.00 scholarship to go to Nationals (won by Mary Abrahamyan) and a \$134.96 expense for shipping the *Forum Factorum*. The printing of the next *Forum Factorum* is estimated to cost \$1000; however, the price may be reduced due to the lower page count. Thus, it is determined that, after these costs are taken into account, MassJCL will have approximately \$5400. It must save some of this money for spirit expenditures, Certamen and food supplies, and the price of transporting trophies *inter alia* by airplane. Although NJCL may be able to reimburse us for the cost of transporting some items, we will still need the upfront money to pay for it.

Consequently, it is first suggested that all 17 people receive \$200 subsidies, which would leave the treasury with \$2000 for the aforementioned expenses. When potential additional costs are mentioned, the first proposal is revised to \$150 per person. This is the final total agreed upon.

- 10:57 – Spirit-related materials generally cost about \$1000 and the Spirit Party held in the beginning of the summer costs an additional \$200. The spirit fee, an amount paid by all students going to Nationals in order to obtain a state T-shirt among other materials, was \$12 last year. The fee is in place because much of the spirit-related items, which are handed to individuals at Nationals, stay with those individuals after Nationals and are not reused in the following years. Thus, people can keep their T-shirts without causing a large financial loss for MassJCL. Since there are about 40 students going to Nationals from Massachusetts, it is decided that a \$10 fee would suffice. And by paying these \$10, each student would acquire and be able to permanently keep a new shirt as well as props, souvenirs from enjoyable times at National Convention. This system also eliminates or at least diminishes the difficulty for teachers of storing props.
- 11:02 – The spirit materials from last year are at Hanna’s house; however, some things, such as the red and white hats, cannot be reused this year on account of the change in the days’ respective themes.
- 11:03 – Since the \$150 subsidy covers the \$10 spirit fee, it is suggested that the subsidies be marked down to a value of \$140 and that those, to whom subsidies are being given, should be exempt from paying the spirit fee. However, this idea is eventually rejected on account of its complexity in view of the simpler option, whereby 17 individuals receive subsidies and all students pay a spirit fee.
- 11:03 – Ms. Fillion also indicates that all people, who are flying down to San Antonio on the group plane, should write a check to Massachusetts Junior Classical League, not to Ms. Fillion herself. Furthermore, the checks should be sent to Ms. Bauer, who is in charge of all bank transactions since the banks changed their policy. Now the MassJCL Treasurer can no longer sign checks. Ms. Fillion will send out an email with more information on this matter, and Ms. Hausey will subsequently disseminate it to the BLS group of Nationals attendees. The prospective date when these checks are due is June 10.
- 11:04 – Mary writes out the subsidy checks and Ms. Bauer signs them.

IV. Adjournment for Lunch

11:04 A.M.

V. Meeting Resumption and Officer Reports

11:43 A.M.

The officer reports are given by members of the old Board with a few exceptions. Most new officers do not provide reports until the next meeting.

Technical Coordinator – Dalena Nguyen

- 11:43 – Dalena informs the new Board members that they can now access their State officer email accounts. The email account names are the same as in past years, and they can be found by clicking on the names of the officers written on the MassJCL website under the Executive Board tab and Officers sub-tab. For most positions, the account name is simply comprised of the officer title followed by @massjcl.org. For example, the President’s email is president@massjcl.org. There are some exceptions. In the case of the vice presidents, email addresses are as follows: 1stvp@massjcl.org and 2ndvp@massjcl.org. In the case of Publications Editor, the email address is as follows: editor@massjcl.org. In the case of

Technical Coordinator, the email address is as follows: techcoordinator@massjcl.org. All other officer emails follow the construction mentioned above. Passwords are also provided during the meeting, but shall remain confidential.

11:44 – Dalena uploaded the third issue of the *Forum Factorum* as well as the *Convention Ear* onto the MassJCL website. She will post the updated MassJCL Constitution after this meeting.

11:45 – Dalena also sent the website to NJCL for the national website contest last September, and thus MassJCL has been registered for the contest since the beginning of the school year.

Historian – Veena Lagare

11:45 – Veena is currently in the process of binding the Scrapbook, and she plans to bring it to Nationals by herself.

Publications Editor – Linda Qin

11:45 – Linda has sent in all the publications of the *Forum Factorum* under her time as Editor to Nationals for the publications contest.

11:46 – Linda, now as the President, also takes this time to suggest that MassJCL create an Adobe Creative Cloud account. This membership would provide MassJCL access to numerous Adobe programs and apps, such as InDesign and Photoshop. It offers a whole array of professional softwares developed by Adobe, which can be used for website creation, graphic design, and image and video editing. The Creative Cloud will thus facilitate creation of flyers, convention programs, and practically any document conceivable. Its utility and versatility both are strong arguments in favor of acquiring an account, and, for these reasons, Ms. Bauer voices her approval of the suggestion. Having an account costs \$239.99 per year. Allyson will register and pay for the account. All the Board members will be given a password to this advantageous software, but at any given time, only two people are allowed access to it. It is agreed that the password will be kept private and only be known by MassJCL officers so that others will not be utilizing the software's resources during times when it must be employed for MassJCL purposes.

11:47 – Najla makes note that she will not be using Publisher to create this year's edition of the *Forum Factorum*.

Parliamentarian – Dalena Nguyen

11:48 – Dalena will be sending to all previous officers a questionnaire, in which they will be asked questions about their experiences and responsibilities as MassJCL officers. These reflections should give future candidates a better idea about the duties and customs of the various positions.

Treasurer – Mary Abrahamyan

11:49 – Mary indicates that last year Henry Tsang gave her two binders. Each officer position on the MassJCL Board usually has one binder that is passed down from the previous holder of an office to his/her successor. As the 2013-2014 Treasurer, Henry had the traditional Treasurer binder and an additional binder, which contained financial data dating back to 2004 and including records from Henry's year. Mary passes the binders to Anusha.

Secretary – Abena Oworae

11:52 – Abena hands the Secretary binder to Daniel.

1st Vice President – Allyson Ping

11:53 – Julia indicates that she has no binder for the 1st Vice President, but that Ms. Bauer has created a new binder for the position with all key information already placed in it.

11:54 – Allyson on May 29 sent to all the new officers' state email addresses a Google folder, containing documents pertaining to social media and plans for expansion and development in this area. There are documents concerning the creation of YouTube videos as well.

- 11:55 – Allyson has also created a MassJCL publicity blog for the benefit of all the local chapters. The web address is massjclpublicity.wordpress.com. When the mailing packets are sent out to the local chapters, Allyson will use this website to offer a Google form, which the local 1st Vice Presidents and/or other representatives can fill out if they want regular updates from the MassJCL 1st Vice President.
- 11:56 – Allyson is also in charge of the promotional video contest. Allyson will create a guide to outreach and publicity as well as to compiling a publicity binder. These videos are designed to raise awareness of the various ways to acquire points in these categories so that all schools, being informed of the opportunities, can be actively trying to succeed.
- 11:57 – Allyson will send the Google folder concerning social media to the State Chairs in addition to the State officers.
- 11:58 – Allyson would like the MassJCL website to have a Publicity Corner tag. Anushree will also add a section for community service.
- 11:59 – Concerning Classics Day, Allyson has begun contacting professors, and she has received ten replies, six of which are affirmative. The others generally have scheduling conflicts. This year, Classics Day is scheduled for Thursday, December 3.
- 12:00 – Allyson also introduces the topic of the Concord Ruling, a state law which prohibits organizations from charging students money to attend events during school hours. It assumes that the school should be covering all costs and is designed to benefit disadvantaged students. Since Classics Day is happening during school hours and JCL charges a fee for students to attend, this legislation represents a legitimate obstacle to Classics Day’s continuity. However, it is unclear at the moment whether this regulation is being enacted this year or, for that matter, if it is even real. It cannot be found on Google, according to Hanna, and its discussion at this meeting is a result of its propagation by Rumor (*Aeneid* Book IV). Even if it did exist, its exact wording may imply that such instances, whereby students are voluntarily attending an event hosted by an organization, are exempt from its rules. For now, until we have been notified of a real change in system policy, we shall progress as planned.
- 12:01 – Ms. Bauer suggests that it would be beneficial to advertise Classics Day on the website now that the date and theme have been established.
- 12:01 – Ms. Bauer would also like physical copies of the new officers’ addresses, as were produced last year for the previous Board.

State Chairs

- 12:01 – Feedback about State Convention was generally quite positive. People liked the locale, specifically the convenience of having the living quarters and convention activities in the same facility. Additionally, people liked the meals, their organization, and the quantity provided, for there was never any indication that we were low in our food reserves. No rationing laws had to be enacted, and furthermore the food was of high quality.
- 12:02 – Sturbridge, however, will not be able to accommodate MassJCL next year for State Convention. They did earnestly wish to have us return. Yet, they had other groups staying in the hotel at the same time and thought it disadvantageous for all concerned parties to have JCL there while there are other guests staying. Consequently, States will be once again held at Barnstable, which is setting aside a date for us.
- 12:03 – Despite Barnstable’s agreement to host the convention, Ms. Foley has been contacting other convention centers and hotels in Massachusetts to ascertain their availability during April and May. Thus far, however, she has been unsuccessful in her efforts. Most places are too small or too expensive. April and May are also difficult months from a timing perspective,

for many days are holidays or feature AP and SAT exam testing. Consequently, it is suggested that State Convention be pushed back to early April. While that is a possibility for years to come, the time period set for the 2015-2016 Convention is April 29 to May 1.

- 12:04 – In the discussion of alternative dates, there is one suggestion to have States during the fall. However, this idea is dismissed on account of the conflicts it would present with students returning to school, readjusting to the immediate increase in academic workload, and, in some cases, applying to colleges. Suggestions for March are also declined on account of the vagaries of New England weather during that month.
- 12:05 – Unless Ms. Foley can find a more suitable venue than the combination of the Holiday Inn Express and Barnstable High School, we will confirm our initial plans of having the convention at Barnstable. Prices at the Holiday Inn have increased by \$10, not because of our absence last year, but simply because of the market demands.
- 12:06 – Although States will most likely be held at Barnstable this coming year, the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center has been reserved for 2017. There are suggestions to reserve the site for years after that as well, although this idea has not yet been fulfilled.
- 12:07 – Ms. Sinacola suggests that, as a possible solution to the paucity of land at Sturbridge and the consequent logistical difficulties with athletic competitions, that the athletic events for States be held at Kick-off. However, this idea is eventually dismissed since the attendants at Kick-off usually differ from those at States, and hosting Olympika at Kick-off may intimidate some newcomers to the club, who are in attendance for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the organization. Kick-off's role as an introductory event would be weakened. And so, events at Kick-off and States shall not be mixed.
- 12:08 – On the subject of Kick-off, Ms. Keeley needs to reserve a day at Mt. Greylock for this purpose. Ms. Keeley will put in the request and see which days are offered. Usually this method works out well.
- 12:09 – Ms. Foley is still researching convention centers around Massachusetts, and she is putting out feelers to determine prospective costs from these venues. One site required a minimum of \$60,000 worth of food. In view of the predominantly expensive collection of possible convention sites, Barnstable seems to be the most likely option. Nevertheless, Ms. Foley will continue to investigate so that we can perhaps avoid the two principal issues with Barnstable: bussing and food. The Holiday Inn is willing to compromise down to approximately \$105, evidence that money is not an issue with Barnstable. Barnstable does also boast many positive aspects, such as their grounds and auditorium, which actually has a stage that is visible and can accommodate dancers.
- 12:11 – Anusha voices her support of Barnstable by referencing the poor testing conditions at Sturbridge, whereby test takers were all compacted very closely, thus increasing the opportunities for cheating. At some points in time, as well, not enough proctors were monitoring the students. Ms. Moguel also notes that, in future, some of the excess space in the auditorium should be utilized. With this space, chairs can be spaced farther apart. At National Convention, people are in fact seated in every other chair, which reduces the possibilities for cheating. Sturbridge has also promised to offer us more rooms in the future. Ms. Fillion notes that these rooms could be used for people who are taking many tests. We can definitely improve upon our experience at Sturbridge with more rooms.
- 12:13 – Ms. Hausey wonders if any of the places we are considering for State Convention offer deals, by which every year MassJCL returns to the site, the price is reduced. Continued attendance does ensure greater negotiation powers, for both parties are familiar with each other and understand what the other wants.

12:15 – After this discussion, it is finally agreed that we will be using Barnstable and the Holiday Inn next year as the venue for States. It is unlikely that we will find a better offer in the near future. Concerns about Barnstable not being able to host the convention next year are discounted because the school has assured us that they will not be simultaneously hosting SATs next year, which was the issue this year.

12:16 – Hanna would prefer if the Convention could be held in the second week of April. For this convention at least, it is not possible to accommodate this request, since plans and dates have already been established. However, Ms. Bauer will see if MassJCL can book Sturbridge again for the 2018 Convention and set the date to the second week of April. Ms. Bauer also indicates that for 2017, the YMCA may be able to let MassJCL use their fields, which would solve most of the athletic problems. Although bussing would be necessary for the Olympika events, all other contests would stay in the hotel's own facilities.

VI. State Convention Recapitulation

12:19 P.M.

12:19 – Moving on to the topic of the last State Convention, Ms. Sinicola sent Connie an email regarding sending out a survey to all attendants, which asks what their experience was like and if they had any comments or suggestions for next year and years to come. However, since States transpired a month ago, sending a survey now would be rather late and thus lose its usefulness. As a solution to this issue, it is suggested that in future years, sponsors will be handed packets of surveys, which they can hand to their students on the bus/car rides back home. Thus, students will be able to recall any grievances and any positive aspects immediately after the conclusion of the convention and declare their opinions on paper.

12:20 – The gavel is broken and needs repair.

12:20 – Ms. Foley states that many people thought there was too much time when not enough activities planned had been planned. The added convenience of no bussing promoted even longer interludes between events. A primary time, during which the most freedom was experienced, was Saturday morning. Ms. Foley suggests establishing trivia contests, in which an unlimited number of teams can be formed, questions are projected onto a screen, and teams submit their answers on a slip of paper. This proposal would provide another enjoyable competitive activity, which could coincide with the preliminary rounds of Competitive Certamen and serve as a nice alternative for those, who are not skilled in Certamen. Additionally, there are recommendations to have informative workshops, which people could attend to couple their social and competitive experiences at States with educational advancement. This past year, on account of the change in location, we were so overwhelmed with schedule changes and alterations to the methods, by which State Convention is run, that time simply was not available to plan these additional activities. These workshops can definitely be added next year to the program at Barnstable. Preliminary suggestions at the meeting ranged from mythology-styled Oragami tutorials to lessons in the crevices of Latin grammatical laws, in which all the tiny esoteric exceptions to rules hide waiting to strike at unsuspecting certameners. Either officers or MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) people could run these workshops. MassJCL can get into contact with some Latin teachers at UMASS Amherst or other institutions.

12:25 – A criticism is made about the Fellowship meetings at Sturbridge. In the case of AMSA and BLS' Fellowship meeting room, their proximity was inappropriate. AMSA had to move to a neighboring room to conduct its voting. In future, provisions should be made to facilitate all schools' privacy during the Fellowship meetings, and moreover, establishing permanent

Fellowship rooms, where spirit props and baggage can be stored by students from their respective schools, would be highly advantageous and provide convenience especially during the new State Spirit system, whereby each day has a particular theme. Hanna's room serves as evidence of the need, for it was teeming with inflatable guitars.

12:26 – Next year, these issues will not be problems, because States is being held at Barnstable.

12:27 – Ms. Bauer summarizes the Barnstable-Sturbridge Debate by saying that both places have their advantages and disadvantages. A combination of Barnstable's facilities and Sturbridge's food would present the most ideal situation.

12:28 – Hanna thanks all the State Chairs and sponsors for being so proactive and efficient in organizing and running State Convention. The Board applauds their diligence and excellent work.

12:29 – Confidential discussion follows.

VII. Spirit

1:08 P.M.

1:08 – Veena, as current 2nd Vice President, informs the Board that the annual Spirit Party, an event preceding Nationals during which attendants practice spirit cheers before the convention, will be held on Saturday, June 27 at Houghton's Pond in Milton, Massachusetts. This date is not absolutely set, and Veena will determine a finalized date soon since Ms. Hausey needs to reserve rooms at Boston University for Certamen practice. The current back up date is Sunday, June 28.

1:11 – Ms. Keeley indicates that the American Classical League Convention in Connecticut is being held from June 25 to June 28, which conflicts with the Spirit Party.

1:12 – Ms. Hausey, returning to the subject of Certamen practices at BU, thinks that a budget of about \$500 would be sufficient for snacks, drinks, and parking spaces.

1:13 – Veena discusses the Spirit plans for National Convention, which shall remain confidential.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates

1:28 P.M.

1:28 – As is customary, the next meeting will be held in July before Nationals during the morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Boston University. It will be held on July 11. Certamen practice follows.

1:29 – Another meeting must precede Kick-off. During this meeting, the envelopes, which are sent to the various chapters, must also be assembled. The *Forum Factorum* Nationals edition must also be printed. August 8 is appointed for this meeting. It will be held at Northborough Library. Since this location can only be booked by a resident of Northborough, Theresa Hsieh from AMSA offers to reserve it for us.

1:31 – Another meeting must be scheduled prior to Thanksgiving, which precedes Classics Day by two weeks. November 14 is agreed upon for this meeting. It will be held at BLS from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1:32 – The following meeting must precede the due date for Constitutional Amendments. However, weather is always a persistent problem with the first meeting of the new year. In addition, during January and February, exams and Certamen competitions consume many of the Saturdays. After much discussion, it is finally agreed that January 9 will be the date for the meeting. If weather does not permit, Sunday, January 31 will be the snow date. January 30 is the prospective date for BLA Certamen and February 6 is the prospective date for BLS Certamen. The January 9 meeting will be held in Northborough Library; however, if the

snow date has to be adopted in lieu of the initially scheduled time, Northborough Library cannot be used, for it does not open on Sundays. The issue of a snow day venue is never resolved. However, Hanna will look into whether or not the public libraries in either Marlborough or Bolyston could accommodate us.

- 1:40 – The due date for the T-shirt competition will be January 1 this year. Ms. Fillion recommends that the MassJCL website have a page showcasing an archive of MassJCL T-shirts with pictures from as far back as we have access. Additionally, it is suggested that on the website a running tally be kept, which shows the points the schools accumulate over the year towards the Whole School Competition at States. A list of all contests, which count towards the Whole School points, should be included, and each of the items should have a hyperlink, which directs viewers further down the page to a brief description, an explanation of what the contest is and how to participate, related workshops, and important due dates. In this way, other schools, which have not participated as much, are able to see all the opportunities, which exist but may have been latent in the past, and learn from other schools the keys to earning points. The school tallies will also let some schools see in a gradual way how other schools garner points, rather than be baffled by point totals at the end of the year.
- 1:46 – The meeting before State Convention will be held on April 9 at Barnstable. It is customary for the meeting preceding States to be held at the venue itself. Anushree notes that she may not be able to make this meeting.
- 1:56 – It is agreed by most sponsors in attendance that the badge holders, used at Sturbridge, are much better than the name tags and knapsacks used in past. They do not fall off or get lost as easily. Their convenience and practicality is further bolstered by their pockets, which can carry a range of items from writing utensils to phones.
- 1:57 – Dr. Nelson asks if the State Chairs would like magnetic badges. They respond affirmatively.
- 2:00 – The meeting is adjourned.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

2:00 P.M.

Duration (excluding Lunch): 3 hours, 3 minutes

Summary:

This meeting was the second MassJCL meeting of the 2015-2016 year. This meeting served as the transitional meeting, during which both new and old officers are expected to attend. The old officers bestowed their binders to their respective successors. This particular meeting also featured a resolution regarding the Historian state of emergency. After reviewing letters of interest sent by the candidates for the position, the Board concluded that Emily Bonnici should assume the role of 2015-2016 Historian. Most of the new Board members, three State Chairs, and several sponsors also received \$150 subsidies for their attendance at Nationals. The MassJCL account currently has a balance of \$7100. All student attendees at Nationals will also be required to pay a \$10 spirit fee, which will provide everyone with a shirt and several props, which they can keep permanently. The new Board members, during this meeting, also received the passwords to their state email accounts as well as their respective officer binders. MassJCL will also be acquiring an Adobe Creative Cloud account, which provides the Board access to the whole array of Adobe's professional design programs. It is also determined that next year's Classics Day will be held on Thursday, December 3 at BU and its theme is "A Day in the Life: the Classical World." State Convention next year will be held again at Barnstable High School. The following year, States will be held at Sturbridge again. At

the 2016 States Convention, more workshops and additional activities, such as trivia, may be incorporated depending on how many events are scheduled. June 27 is also the day selected to hold the Spirit Party, a preparatory event for those going to Nationals. The Board also determines all the future dates for every meeting of the upcoming year. The next meeting will be held at Boston University on July 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- Spirit Party _____ June 27, 2015
- First Certamen Practice at BU _____ June 28, 2015
- National Junior Classical League Convention _____ July 27 – August 1, 2015
- MassJCL Meeting _____ July 11, 2015
- MassJCL Meeting _____ August 8, 2015
- MassJCL Meeting _____ November 14, 2015
- Classics Day _____ December 3, 2015
- MassJCL Meeting _____ January 9, 2016
- BLA Certamen _____ January 30, 2016
- Snow Date for MassJCL Meeting _____ January 31, 2016
- BLS Certamen _____ February 6, 2016
- MassJCL Meeting _____ April 9, 2016
- Massachusetts Junior Classical League State Convention _____ April 29 – May 1, 2016

Inspirational Latin Quote: *Sociale animal est.*

[Man] is a social animal.

— Lucius Annaeus Seneca, *De Beneficiis* 7.1

Minutes by Daniel Sherman