

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES FOR PRE-CLASSICS DAY MEETING | BOSTON UNIVERSITY
NOVEMBER 21, 2015 -- A.D. XI KAL. DEC. 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
Dalena Nguyen	Parliamentarian	BLA
Anusha Kulkarni	Treasurer	AMSA
Anushree Iyengar	Technical Coordinator	AMSA

State Chairs:

Tamara Bauer	BLS
Janet Fillion	BLA
Catherine Foley	BLS
Viet Luong	BLA

Guests:

Ada Chai	BLSJCL Co-Historian	BLS
Hanna Seariac	NJCL 2 nd Vice President	AMSA
Christina Yee	BLSJCL Community Service Czar	BLS

Regrets:

Nancy Sinacola	State Chair	St. Bernard's
Emily Bonnici	Historian	AKF
Najla Nassar	Publications Editor	MTG

Highlights:

1. The full September Mailing Packet, in future, will only be mailed to teachers, whose schools have been a MassJCL member for two or more years. All other Latin teachers throughout the state will receive a more condensed group of documents enclosed in a normal letter sized envelope.
2. Classics Day is on December 3. 858 people and 23 schools will be in attendance. As the combination of the large and small ballrooms of the George Sherman Union has a capacity of 890, all attendants can be accommodated.
3. This year, tables will be labeled with schools' names, and smaller schools will be placed closer to the front of the large ballroom.
4. Parking will cost money for those teachers, who wish to partake of it. Allyson will determine the exact price.
5. Allyson must contact Melissa with final counts for lunches. Two extras of all flavors will be ordered, except for vegetarian, ten extras of which will be ordered.
6. The program will not include a list of workshop descriptions and will include a new and improved map.

7. Officers will be stationed at various checkpoints throughout the Classics Day venue to direct people to their workshops.
8. The sponsors need the program by Tuesday, November 24, and Ms. Luong needs all attendants' information by November 30 to compile nametags.
9. Four additional projectors are needed to cover some rooms, which lack media capability.
10. In future, the second *Forum Factorum*, which is distributed at Classics Day, should be printed by a local Boston printing company in lieu of a print shop local to the Publications Editor. This policy change is expected to reduce costs and the time expenditure.
11. Snowball, MassJCL's semiformal dance, is scheduled for March 12. Its theme will be left up to the MassJCL population, members of which will vote for one of five themes. In view of Boston Common Hotel's change of ownership, possible alternative venues are being explored.
12. Snowball will cost \$20 by pre-registration and \$25 by paying at the door.
13. The following flyers must be created for Classics Day: Snowball, States Theme Flyer, Coin Wars, Writing Cards to Hospitalized Kids, T-Shirt Contest, States Advertisement, and Praetoria (only for sponsors).
14. This year's community service project involves writing letters to hospitalized children.
15. Praetoria will be held at Holy Cross on February 27. It will proceed for a six-hour period between 9 am and 3 pm. Attendants will be divided into three rooms based on their schools' regions within Massachusetts. Representatives from larger chapters will also be assigned to each room. All attendants will receive an informational packet in addition to any advice, instructing, and/or help they receive throughout the day.
16. Linda will collect contact information from schools' principal representatives during Classics Day.
17. T-shirt designs and Constitutional Amendments are due by January 29. They will be reviewed at the Board meeting the following day.
18. The next MassJCL meeting is scheduled for January 30 at Northborough Library. The snow date is February 13.

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting

9:22 A.M.

9:22 – Ms. Bauer proposes a change in the method, by which we mail out the September Mailing Packets. The system currently is labor intensive and expensive, and there is little benefit to the physical and monetary cost. This past September, the packet was mailed to 320 people. It cost hundreds of dollars for postage, printing, and buying envelopes. The assembly of envelopes ate up time, as did their delivery to the post office. Because of the sizeable volume of the 300+ envelopes, an adult with a car must be responsible for their delivery to the post office. Ms. Bauer had to make 6 trips back and forth from her car to the post office to complete the undertaking. To lessen this chore, Ms. Bauer proposes that we send out the presence letter on letterhead, national dues form, state dues form, and the calendar in one regular envelope with one stamp. Only teachers, whose schools have had a chapter for the last two to three years or longer, should receive a full packet. Thus, 300+ regular envelopes will be mailed, and around 50+ full packets will be mailed. This method not only would reduce expenses, but also should increase the efficacy of the September Mailing Packet system. In its current form, the cost of producing hundreds of full packets exceeds its benefit,

since they rarely result in gaining new chapters. Hanna suggests emailing the full packets to all known Latin teachers throughout the state. This would eliminate postage cost and reduce waste on the recipients' end since many packets are presumably discarded. However, we do not have access to many of the teachers' emails. Thus, the two-classes-of-mail idea is the most feasible. A PDF of the full packet can be put on the MassJCL website.

II. Classics Day

9:28 A.M.

- 9:28 – Allyson says that we currently have 828 people signed up for Classics Day, not including Winchester. Winchester has not registered online, although they have contacted Ms. Bauer separately. AMSA and Stony Brook sent Allyson their registrations last. Including Winchester, the attendance figure is 858 people (23 schools), which necessitates 86 tables. While it was initially uncertain whether or not we would exceed the legal capacity for the rooms at BU, it is later determined (thanks to Hanna's investigation) that 890 people is the collective capacity for both the small and large ballrooms. Although the glass room overlooking the Charles River has been used in past for Classics Day, it is ultimately decided that it is unnecessary to utilize that space this year.
- 9:34 – The largest workshops are the first and fourth workshops: Life as a Teenager in Ancient Rome and the Roman Funny Bone: Ancient Jokes about Doctors, Illness and Medicine respectively. The largest has approximately 200 people.
- 9:35 – None of the 86 necessary tables can be placed on the third floor balcony, since that space is reserved for a workshop.
- 9:37 – Classics Day will generate approximately \$19,445 gross, with total costs reaching approximately \$10,000.
- 9:38 – Winchester has not contacted Allyson with their list of students and other registration information. They did, however, contact Ms. Bauer on November 13, the extended deadline for registration.
- 9:41 – Two changes for this year's organization of tables is (1) tables will be labeled with schools' names and (2) smaller schools will be placed closer to the front of the large ballroom. This preplanned organization will prevent students from choosing tables for their own schools early and outcompeting other schools, which may travel greater distances to arrive at BU.
- 9:42 – It is decided that Winchester will be allowed to attend since we have the space to handle their population. Earlier estimates of a total 750-person capacity endangered an even larger population of registrants. This is no longer a concern.
- 9:43 – Workshop attendants are assigned by a first come first served basis, whereby those schools who register earlier are more likely to receive spots in their desired workshops.
- 9:44 – Allyson must contact each professor to inform him/her of the number of students in attendance in each of their respective workshops.
- 9:45 – Teachers will not be able to receive free parking. The exact prices and related information must be emailed to those teachers, who have registered. If MassJCL reserves parking spots through Melissa, we can probably get a discount for teachers driving. Thus, Allyson will need the names of all teachers, who want a parking spot. Ms. Fillion notes that it would be preferable if MassJCL were not burdened with paying for the parking spots, as has happened in previous years. In the past, we have never asked teachers about their driving plans ahead of time, so we have always been saddled with the costs.
- 9:47 – The three largest attendants are Barnstable High School, BLS, and BLA in descending order.

- 9:48 – Allyson must send Melissa the final figures for lunches. Typically, we order two extra lunches of each of the four flavors. However, we usually have over a dozen extra lunches due to absences. Nevertheless, to be safe, we will continue with our typical policy this year, except for vegetarian lunches. Based on data from past years, it appears that the vegetarian lunch is usually under-stocked. Due to the inability to rigidly monitor people’s adherence to the lunch code on their nametags and due to the popularity of the vegetarian option, the vegetarian lunch is typically depleted first. Thus, this year, it is suggested that we order 10 additional vegetarian lunches. There have been only two gluten-free requests.
- 9:50 – Meridian never received a spreadsheet from Allyson, and Ms. Bauer just forwarded Allyson Winchester’s spreadsheet.
- 9:51 – On a different note, the program must be photocopied sooner rather than later. The pamphlets this year will not contain descriptions of all the workshops. It is unnecessary and takes more time to assemble. They will contain a map of the building, which must be improved upon, and Ms. Fillion will send Allyson a plan of the building and all its rooms. Copies of the program will be placed in each school’s packet. To further facilitate people’s departure to workshops, officers will hold signs and stand in the hallways to direct attendants to their assigned workshops. Officers will also be needed to bring people to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), which is hosting three of the workshops. Linda will take those people heading to CAS for the first session, and Sherman will take those people heading to CAS for the second workshop. Emily will bring over stragglers. Other officers can find their respective duties and stations on a Google spreadsheet, which Allyson will share soon. Discussion ensues regarding the placement of officers. In addition to those officers heading to and from CAS, other officers will be stationed in the following areas: bottom of the stairs (directing to 3rd floor rooms), top of the stairs (directing towards balcony and the 300s rooms), auditorium and terrace lounge (directing), Ziskind and terrace and auditorium (holding sign). These positions will establish a chain of directors, which should streamline the dispersal of attendees. Emily will make the signs that officers hold. All officers are responsible for setting up and distributing lunches.
- 9:59 – The SCLers in attendance will be grading the skits. Allyson needs to know how many will come, since many have classes on Thursdays. In previous years when Classics Day was hosted on Fridays, this was not as much of an issue. It is suggested that officers can judge the skits if there is a dearth of SCL representation. We ultimately do not have to resort to this, and thus any conflicts of interest are avoided.
- 10:03 – We will also need four additional projectors. Speakers will not be necessary. Ms. Foley is willing to bring one, but she cannot speak for Mr. Bartoloma and Ms. Moguel, who will be remaining in school on Classics Day. Allyson must implore them to relinquish their projectors for one day. Ms. Francois might also be able to bring one. Otherwise, we will have to pay \$150 to rent one projector for the day. Some rooms, such as the terrace lounge, already have projectors. If necessary, Allyson can maneuver professors around according to their technological needs.
- 10:08 – The sponsors need the program by Tuesday, November 24, which will provide ample time to run 860 photocopies. Ms. Luong, by Monday, November 30, needs the spreadsheet with all attendants’ names, food choices, two workshops, and workshop locations so that she can create and compile the nametags of each delegate. The nametags will be put into the envelopes of each school, which should also include the programs. Ms. Fillion will cut the labels at BLA so that those sheets with two or more schools’ labels on them are divided accordingly. Due to the bulk of the *Forum Factorum* magazines, they will be distributed

separate from the packets. Ms. Bauer will provide the envelopes for the packets. Allyson must label these envelopes with the school names.

- 10:11 – Allyson will share the spreadsheet with all sponsors.
- 10:12 – Professors will require nametags, programs, bottled water of a distinguished brand name, thank you notes, checks, and information (the location of their workshops & estimated number of attendants). Professors should be given their checks and thank you notes prior to their presentations. Allyson will email them the aforementioned information. The physical components of what they need may be picked up at the registration tables, where schools check in. They may also pick up their bottled water there. Anusha will need time to write all the checks.
- 10:17 – Since Meridian signed up after we had already collected all other schools' lunch information, Ms. Bauer told them to not bother submitting lunch choices. However, we can cover Meridian, which is only sending 4 people, because we are ordering 2 extras of three flavors and 10 extras of the vegetarian flavor.
- 10:19 – During the transition from the first to second workshop, officers will again have to stand at their posts to guide people to their next lecture. Linda will bring people back from CAS. Dan, waiting in the registration area, will gather people heading to the second round of workshops at CAS and subsequently walk them over.
- 10:23 – At this time, Allyson is prohibiting any schools from signing up additional students.
- 10:26 – Officers throughout the day will be organizing lunches in the large ballroom.
- 10:27 – It is also proposed that we set up a wall between the large and small ballrooms. This would theoretically reduce the distraction of lunch compilation while a workshop proceeds in the small ballroom. For the General Assembly, there will be no wall so as to allow attendees to, in fact, see the GA. However, during Classics Day, it is determined that the wall is unnecessary and the process of putting together lunches is, in fact, not a distraction to the workshop in the small ballroom. There is, however, a curtain that separates the large ballroom from the glass room (Ziskind Lounge) that will keep the workshop in there from being distracted by lunch preparation in the large ballroom.
- 10:33 – At the moment, two workshops lack media capabilities. However, Allyson will move professors around to ensure that those who need media will be in rooms that can facilitate it. Allyson will ask Mrs. Burns, the host of the smallest workshop, if she absolutely needs a projector. One issue with placing this workshop in CAS 328 is the scarcity of seats. Thus, a few attendants may have to stand for the workshop.
- 10:37 – Allyson must contact Professor Scully to speak at the General Assembly, as is the custom. The program director of the Department of Classics at BU will not be able to speak this year since she is away on sabbatical.
- 10:40 – Dan will be writing the officer skit.
- 10:42 – Coin Wars will commence at Classics Day. Ms. Bauer notes that we should procure relatively big jars so people do not need to stuff money into it. For future reference, the jars for Coin Wars must be passed down to new president every year.
- 10:45 – The custodians have agreed to take full responsibility over cleaning up the GSU after Classics Day. MassJCL has been absolved of any responsibility to clean up.
- 10:47 – After much discussion, it is agreed that we will not be buying candy or any other trivial gifts (e.g. stickers, pencils, and magnets as are proposed) this year to put on the tables. It is unnecessary and widely ignored by attendees. The day away from school and enjoying unique lectures itself is the gift.

10:51 – Officers, who are residents of Boston, should arrive by 7:00 am to assist with setting up. Some BLS and BLA people will naturally come early, and so they can also help set up tables. Non-Boston residents may arrive with the rest of their schools.

III. Officer Reports

10:54 A.M.

10:54 – Anusha, as Treasurer, indicates that we made some profit on Kick-off.

10:55 – Najla has finished the second *Forum Factorum*. Linda shows the Board the PDF preview of the document, which subsequently receives considerable praise.

10:56 – The second *Forum Factorum* will be distributed at Classics Day. A discussion ensues regarding the best way to deliver it. This year, Najla is using a publisher in Adams, Massachusetts. However, in the future, the Publications Editor could email the file to the local printing company, which has been used in the past and which is far closer to BU than Najla's location of Adams. Thus, if the publishing company brought them directly to BU it would save us both money, as the mailing expenses from more distant locations were significant in past, and time, as there would be no delays in setting up the magazines before schools arrive. The rule that stipulated that the Publications Editor should find a printer local to his/her home preceded the age of email, and is thus obsolete.

11:02 – Anushree says that she is almost done creating the new website, and its tentative release date is December 1. Allyson will look at it before its release.

11:03 – Linda will compile videos of each officer's pitch for his/her charity or non-profit organization into one conglomerate presentation, known as the Coin Wars Video.

IV. Snowball

11:04 A.M.

11:04 – Snowball is the MassJCL semiformal dance. One issue has always haunted this event: the absence of State Chairs. Without any of these figures, no true overseer is present. Chaperones, whether teachers or parents, cannot be expected to take on responsibility for any and all incidents that occur at the dance. Furthermore, without a supervisor, transportation of the profits has always been a concern. Thus, the dance is in critical need of an overarching adult director. Depending on the date for Snowball, Ms. Foley may be able to be this adult, in charge of all other chaperones.

11:07 – In addition, the event only had BLS teachers as chaperones last year because Hanna specifically asked them. Teachers are unlikely to voluntarily chaperone at this event.

11:09 – Veena was planning to have Snowball on either March 12 or 19; however, it is ultimately determined that March 12 would be preferable because it precedes St. Patrick's Day, which is March 17 in 2016, and its associated rowdiness.

11:10 – The old venue for Snowball will not be open this year. They are reportedly closing in January 2016. However, at the moment, the details are unclear. Veena will contact them to clarify the issue. It is speculated that the venue itself (Boston Common Hotel and Conference Center) will most likely remain unchanged other than in its ownership, the only foreseeable problem of which is a change in price.

11:12 – Veena also has the DJ arrangements with Mr. Matthew solidified. It will cost \$150 for three hours of his time. The equipment will come from Guitar Center.

11:13 – Regarding culinary aspects of the dance, Ms. Foley recommends that we have more drinks, Linda recommends we have a greater diversity of spreads, and Hanna recommends simply having more. Last year, there was a shortage of food.

- 11:14 – Regarding price, Hanna recommends charging \$20 for pre-registration and \$25 for paying at the door, which pricings are agreed upon. Pre-registration will entail cash payment via mail. Credit cards we will not be accepted since MassJCL would have to pay a fee to the credit card company to set up such a payment system. If people are nervous about sending \$20 in the mail, then they can pay \$25 at the door. To note, teachers typically do not organize “school-based” trips to Snowball. Each person comes as an individual, and as such pays individually. As an alternative to mailing money, Ms. Bauer offers to visit local schools, such as BLA and BLS, to collect money from those students, who are nervous to send cash in the mail.
- 11:16 – Ms. Bauer agrees to come to Snowball this year in order to handle all monetary affairs.
- 11:17 – Tickets do not have to be used, since we will crosscheck those who come to the dance against the list of pre-registered people. Those who pay at the door will fill out a Google spreadsheet and liability form on site.
- 11:18 – Due to the uncertainty of Boston Common Hotel’s viability as a host, the Board discusses possible alternative venues. The general price trend shows that the greater the distance from the inner city, the lesser the price. But, it is unlikely that we will be leaving Boston to hold this event, since the majority of attendants are Boston residents. To hold it outside of Boston would be to lose a major financial building block that makes the event worthwhile.
- 11:20 – Allyson proposes Lombardo’s, which is renowned for its weddings, but it is expensive and out of MBTA range. Ms. Foley suggests the Sea Point Restaurant in South Boston, but the cost there is similarly larger than our past expenses. Furthermore, these locales do not allow independent catering, which means our food costs would increase greatly.
- 11:22 – Discussion of alternate locations is momentarily paused to discuss themes. While the Midnight Masquerade theme of last year was popular and successful, it is highly advisable that we change the theme to maintain interest. Ms. Foley suggests an enchanted forest theme, characterized by glow sticks and neon colored dresses. A black and white theme is also suggested, as well as angel wings (though logistics may complicate the latter). However, an important point to consider regarding any and all themes is their affordability. The theme must not be a major financial drain. Ultimately, it is decided that it would be most effective if we left the theme up to the general MassJCL populace. We will draft five options, and Classics Day attendants will vote on which theme they like most. The winning theme will be the one chosen.
- 11:24 – Discussion of alternative locales resumes. Ms. Foley proposes the Neighborhood Club of Quincy. They have parking and good food, are well known for their weddings, and are 10 minutes from the Red Line. One concern is the nocturnal walk from this location to the train stop, which may not be prudent for unaccompanied youth.
- 11:28 – Ms. Foley also proposes the Boston Teachers Union Hall (BTU Hall). Mr. Maguire may be able to help with this.
- 11:30 – The BU large ballroom, which is being used for Classics Day, is also suggested for Snowball. The only caveat to this selection is the considerable increase in cost.
- 11:31 – At this time, a new venue has not been decided.
- 11:32 – Veena will reach out to Boston Latin School teachers and SCLers over the age of 21 to ask if they would be willing to be chaperones. Mr. Howard is a possibility. Furthermore, Ms. Fillion would be willing to attend Snowball if Mr. Howard were to come, since he could drive Ms. Fillion to and from the event.
- 11:35 – Due to the confusion of last year’s talent show, Snowball will still have a talent show, but the winner’s prize will no longer be an automatic spot in States’ That’s Entertainment. This

decision is made on the grounds that the winner may not be in attendance at States. Instead, the winner's prize will be pecuniary in nature.

- 11:37 – Snowball will continue to have card and board games for the less terpsichorean of attendants.
- 11:39 – Linda suggests a photo shoot, facilitated by the use of cheap props, cheap fabric backgrounds, and a free photographer who is friends with one of the MassJCL officers.
- 11:40 – Attendants will have to sign both liability and media release forms. The latter only is relevant if we decide to post publically viewable photographs of attendants online or in the *Forum Factorum*. We could have this media release form for each individual event, allowing people to pick and choose which events they feel comfortable being photographed at.
- 11:42 – Ms. Foley notes that we do need to find a place before Classics Day so that the event can be properly advertised there on flyers.
- 11:44 – On the note of flyers, events that must have flyers include but are not limited to the following: Snowball, States Theme Flyer, Coin Wars, Writing Cards to Hospitalized Kids, T-Shirt Contest, States Advertisement, and Praetoria (only for sponsors). Certamen does not need its own flyer simply because those associated with Certamen know the dates anyway. Similarly, a Social Media, Community Service, and Publicity flyer is unnecessary because most people have no connection to it. It is a school-wide competition and, thus, only concerns each school's designated Publicity Officer (or equivalent). In lieu of a flyer, the information will be projected on screen in the large ballroom.
- 11:46 – The two flyers made last year, which were considered unnecessary at this meeting, are the following: A List of All Upcoming Events (including Certamen tournaments) and Deadlines, Social Media Links.
- 11:48 – This year's community service project is writing cards to hospitalized kids. A template for a proper letter is located online. This event is similar to Letters to Soldiers, Letters to Refugees, etc. Unfortunately, only those teachers who opened the September Mailing Packet and read the flyers know about this community service event. Thus, it is imperative that this flyer be included in our Classics Day collection. Veena is tasked with its creation.
- 11:51 – Linda will have representatives from each of the schools at Classics Day give Linda their contact information, so that we can distribute information about Praetoria to them.

V. Praetoria

11:52 A.M.

- 11:52 – The immediate concern for Praetoria is the venue. It has already been decided that Praetoria will not span two days, as had been our initial intention. Instead, it will be a single day event. Possible hosting sites include the following: Boston University, Holy Cross, UMass Amherst, and Assumption College.
- 11:54 – Linda can contact Melissa to determine if using three BU classrooms on one Saturday for a specified price would be feasible. BU would be a good option; however, it makes the event a difficult traveling ordeal for distant schools, which are the primary targets of Praetoria. Many will simply not come if Praetoria is hosted in Boston whether because of the inconvenience or the inability of parents to transport them long distances.
- 11:57 – Regarding other options, UMass Amherst is both in western Massachusetts and the alma mater of Mr. Brownell, who may have retained some contacts there. However, Amherst is a considerable distance from Boston, and would inconvenience Boston JCLers. Ms. Fillion considers Worcester to be a suitable intermediary location between Boston and western

Massachusetts. Such a location would demonstrate MassJCL's consideration for all potential attending parties. Holy Cross, which is located in Worcester and offers a prestigious Classics scholarship to garner greater interest in the field, would be an ideal and fitting location. Board meeting attendants unanimously support this suggestion.

- 11:59 – Linda discusses the logistics of the day. It will run from 9 am to 3 pm. The shorter running time will necessitate cutbacks on previous plans and enforcement of efficiency in the day's execution. All members will be provided with a packet of critical information, guidelines, rules, advice, lists of things to accomplish annually, and more. However, the event will be planned such that a deluge of information does not drown participants. It primarily serves as a bonding experience, an advising platform, and a chance to publicize the opportunities that JCL offers. Attendants will first be congregated into one large area, where they will listen to general information. Subsequently, attendants will be divided into three rooms, mostly based on geographic region. However, to make the event more informative and efficacious, the larger and more well established JCL chapters will be placed in rooms with the smaller schools regardless of regional differences. This will facilitate another main pillar of Praetoria: helping smaller schools overcome any obstacles they face and strengthen their chapters in terms of all their facets.
- 12:02 – Praetoria is currently set for February 27. Hanna notes that she will not be able to come on this date. Furthermore, this date is during the height of winter. Thus, a snow date must be established, but remains to be determined.
- 12:04 – Exact logistics for the event will be discussed in greater details at the next Board meeting.
- 12:05 – Linda recommends that all Board members, who are available, come. Furthermore, Praetoria will have to be chaperoned by some adults, preferably including at least one State Chair.
- 12:07 – At some point during Classics Day (lunch and skit time are suggested), Linda will call up all chapters' president or principal representative to submit contact information so that Linda can disseminate information on Praetoria at a later date. If Praetoria forms were, indeed, to be submitted as an admissions ticket to perform a skit, those schools, which leave before the skit time would have to turn in their Praetoria forms early.
- 12:11 – In lieu of a flyer for Praetoria, it is agreed that one form in each school's packet, which is given solely to one adult representative, should be sufficient publicity for the event. Since Praetoria is not open to everyone, but rather a group of candidates selected by their respective schools, it is best to adopt this one-flyer-per-school policy. Chapter heads will still report to Linda to provide necessary information, viz. contact information.

VI. Miscellaneous Matters

12:15 P.M.

- 12:15 – It is agreed that we do not need to take preventive measures against inappropriate skits. If a skit's content is wildly unacceptable in the context of Classics Day, MassJCL will talk to the offending school individually. However, it is unlikely that this will be an issue.
- 12:18 – Linda is constructing both a digitally viewable Contest Rulebook, which is aesthetically pleasing, and a printable version, which is a smaller file and lacks pictures and other accoutrements.
- 12:19 – A discussion begins about upcoming due dates. Ultimately, the due date for the T-Shirt Contest is agreed to be January 29. T-Shirt designs are emailed to the Secretary or may be brought to the Board meeting itself, to be held on January 30. The Constitutional Amendments and NJCL candidate nominations are also due January 29. It is noted that the Constitution will have to be amended with respect to a rule that stipulates Constitutional

Amendments and NJCL candidate nominations are not due until February 1. Instead, the Constitution should say one day before the January/February MassJCL Board meeting.

- 12:24 – The next MassJCL Board meeting will be held on January 30. It will concern NJCL candidates, T-Shirt Contest, Praetoria, Constitutional Amendments, *inter alia*. It will be held in Northborough Library. The snow date for this meeting is the first day of vacation, February 13, 2016. Ms. Foley indicates that she will not be able to attend the latter date, because she will be on a trip to Italy and Sicily. Ms. Foley notes that she would still like to help decide on the T-shirts, and the designs will certainly be emailed to her if needed. Presuming weather is clement on January 30, she will be present. The State Chairs' vote shall proceed as follows: the five Chairs collectively possess three votes; the two BLA chairs will cast one vote; the two BLS chairs will cast one vote; and Ms. Sinacola will cast one vote.
- 12:29 – The measuring wheel, used to measure catapult projectile distances at Classics Day, is gone. Someone from BLS or BLA purportedly has it.
- 12:30 – The meeting is adjourned.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

12:30 P.M.

Duration: 3 hours, 8 minutes

Summary:

This meeting is the fifth MassJCL meeting of the 2015-2016 year. This meeting concerned preparations for Classics Day. Major topics included changes in the September Mailing Packet System, Classics Day, flyers, the second *Forum Factorum*, Snowball, Praetoria, and upcoming dates. As the largest Classics Day in known record, the event represents a great opportunity to promote the study of Classics and strengthen MassJCL's connection to schools across the state. The flyers to be distributed at Classics Day will also aid in publicizing the various facets of MassJCL that make it a unique, fun, and socially relevant organization. Analyzing the successes and failures of our past endeavors, from September Mailing Packet distribution to *Forum Factorum* printing to inter-school integration, MassJCL is increasing its efforts to streamline and improve the efficiency of all of its activities. The cost benefits should become more conspicuous in the coming years.

Upcoming Events:

- Classics Day _____ December 3, 2015
- BLA Certamen (tentative) _____ January 23, 2016
- Due Date for T-Shirts and Constitutional Amendments _____ January 29, 2016
- MassJCL Meeting _____ January 30, 2016
- Early Due Date for Second Newsletter _____ February 1, 2016
- BLS Certamen _____ February 6, 2016
- Snow Date for MassJCL Meeting _____ February 13, 2016
- Praetoria (tentative) _____ February 27, 2016
- SCL Certamen _____ March 5, 2016
- Snowball _____ March 12, 2016
- Harvard Certamen (tentative) _____ March 26, 2016
- Due Date to Register for State Office Candidacy _____ April 1, 2016

- MassJCL Meeting _____ April 9, 2016
- MassJCL State Convention _____ April 29 – May 1, 2016
- NJCL Convention _____ July 25 – 30, 2016

Inspirational Latin Quote: *Cui plus licet quam par est, plus vult quam licet.*

He, to whom more is allowed than is reasonable, desires more than is allowable.

— Publilius Syrus, *Sententiae*

Minutes by Daniel Sherman