

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

MINUTES REGARDING THE MARCH MEETING

STOW TOWN HALL

MARCH 17, 2018

A.D. XV. KAL. APR. A.U.C. MMDCCCLXXI

Attendance:

2017-2018 officers present were President Anushree Iyengar of AMSA, 1st VP Tim Liu of BLS (arrived at 1:00 P.M.), 2nd VP Tamsin Edwards of MAMS (Member-At-Large), Secretary Rachel Wang of AMSA, Parliamentarian Carina Layfield of BLS, Historian Jesse Hogan of AMSA, Editor Jacob Hane of MTG, and Technical Coordinator Jonathan Yuan of BLS.

Regrets were Treasurer Vikiana Petit-Homme of BLA, State Chair Tamara Bauer of BLS, and State Chair Victoria Miklosky of Barnstable.

State chairs present were Margaret Burns of BLS and Janet Fillion of BLA.

Guests present were AMSA Parliamentarian Maddie Bedard and BLA Historian Lia Van De Linde.

Beginning of the Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 A.M. by President Anushree Iyengar.

Discussion and Decisions:

I. Officer Reports

Technical Coordinator – Jonathan has continued to update the MassJCL website and submit currency points to the NJCL contests, as well as continued to review chapter currency points submissions for the MassJCL website contest. He will release a reminder for local chapters to send their final submissions to the state website contest and encourage submissions to the national contest.

Publications Editor – Jacob has finished the 3rd issue of the *Forum Factorum*, and has publicized it various MassJCL social media accounts. He will email a copy to Ms. Fillion. Jacob plans on printing 50 copies of the 3rd issue and 100 copies of the 4th issue for State Convention and having these copies available from the start of the convention. As the Editor binder is getting full, Jacob plans on buying another binder and reorganizing its layout. He has started working on the format for the Convention Ear, making it more similar to the Nationals format. Jacob plans to have the first issue, which will be released Friday night/Saturday morning, focus on the candidates for state office and the second to have more satire and humor. He will continue having shout-outs in the Convention Ear.

Historian – As Praetoria was cancelled, Jesse did not submit to February Photo of the Month. He did, however, win January POTM! He plans attending Harvard Certamen (March 2) to take photos for the Certamen section of the scrapbook. Jesse has also created a design for the state banner (which he shows the board) for Nationals, Ms. Fillion suggests adding a historical element to the design. Since he wants the year in which MassJCL was founded to be on the banner, Jesse plans on contacting Vicki Curler

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and Sherwin Little. Jesse has also started working on an example digital scrapbook to encourage submissions to that contest. He plans on publicizing the contest more, as the deadline for digital scrapbook has been mixed up with the deadline for bonus points.

Parliamentarian – Carina has been working on videos showcasing each officer position to encourage people to run for state office. She has videos for Technical Coordinator through Parliamentarian so far, and plans on filming a few of the videos after the meeting. Carina has also been working on a Candidacy Corner that contains information about campaigning, each state office, etc. So far, she has received pre-filed candidates for every office but Technical Coordinator; however, some offices are contested with more than 2 candidates, making it difficult for candidates to get a majority vote. The discussion regarding having a Nominations Committee like at Nationals to narrow down the number of pre-filed candidates can be accessed [here](#).

Treasurer – Vikiana was not at this meeting, so Ms. Fillion gave a **CONFIDENTIAL** update regarding the status of the MassJCL bank account and outstanding checks. Discussion regarding having a bazaar at states can be accessed [here](#).

Secretary – Rachel plans on releasing her Secretary’s booklet, a guide to taking minutes and with tips and tricks for local secretaries with her officer video. Once she is able to fully recover the file of the January minutes from her computer (it was unfortunately deleted), it will be uploaded to the Secretary Google Drive folder.

2nd VP – Tamsin reminds the board to encourage their chapters to submit to the yearlong service project, Reach Out and Read. As Praetoria was cancelled, she was not able to collect submissions to the project.

1st VP – As Tim arrived later in the meeting, there was no officer report given for 1st VP. Discussion regarding MA Classics Week can be accessed [here](#).

President – Since Praetoria was unfortunately cancelled, Anushree has been working on the scripts, PowerPoints, and schedules for State Convention. Discussion regarding State Convention-related topics can be accessed [here](#).

II. MA Classics Week

The board discussed the possibility of having MA Classics Week. MassJCL’s Classics Week gives the chance for local chapters to earn double publicity points. It is usually held the last week of March, however, no plans have been publicized for the event. The board ultimately decides not to have MA Classics Week as there is no time to plan and organize the event before the Publicity contest deadline.

III. State Convention

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Bazaar:

The board agrees to host a bazaar where local chapters can sell small items. This will be more finalized at the Barnstable Officer Meeting, where the board will be able to determine a location for the bazaar. MassJCL will be selling state t-shirts and leftover fidget spinners and notebooks.

Candidacy and Nominations Committee Procedure:

Discussion regarding candidate nominations ensues. Carina reports that in several contested offices, there are more than 2 prefilled candidates. At Nationals, if there are more than 2 prefilled candidates for an office, voting delegates from each state fill out a ballot for their top two. It is decided that after initial registration is sent in, Carina will email all schools about this new procedure and ask them to submit the names of two students as their designated voting delegates. At the first GA, these voting delegates will be required to sit in a designated row and given ballots. Carina will explain the procedure before candidate speeches. All pre-filed candidates will give speeches as usual. For any contested office with more than 2 pre-filed candidates, the voting delegates will vote (using the ballots) to choose final two candidates for that office. The final candidates will be announced at the end of GA.

In the meantime, Carina will reach out to local chapters to encourage them to send candidates for the uncontested office (Technical Coordinator). After candidacy forms are due, she will send out an email to candidates for any highly contested offices informing them of the situation, reminding them that they may switch the office that they are running for.

Candidate Introductions:

At the last few meetings, the board has been discussing having candidate introductions. Candidate introductions are required in NJCL elections. Essentially, each candidate has a fellow JCLer give a short personal account of the candidate before the candidate gives their actual speech; the introduction is included in the time limit for the speech. The reasoning for having candidate introductions was that it would force candidates to have shorter speeches, give some background information about the candidate/make them seem more approachable, and help keep the audience interested in delegate speeches. Most local chapters, however, are not familiar with candidate introductions.

The board takes a vote: Anushree, Jesse, and Jon are in favor of having candidate introduction, with the rest of the board opposed. Instead of having introductions, the board agrees to cut the time limit for speeches from 3 to 2 minutes.

Tentative Schedule and Entertainment:

The discussed changes are to the 2015-2016 State Convention Schedule. For Saturday night: Dinner will be from 4:30 to 6:00, voting fellowship from 6:00 to 6:45, *That's Entertainment* Rehearsal from 6:45 to 8:15, Ice Cream Social from 6:45 to

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8:45, and *That's Entertainment* from 8:15 to 9:45. Anything related to the now removed Classical Art exam has been removed. The Costume Judges' meeting has been removed and is now combined with the all creative judges' meeting. These schedule changes are to account for the new elections process, where election results and any state of emergencies are announced at the end of *That's Entertainment*.

For entertainment (9:45-11:15), various activities will be held. Carina, Jacob, and a BLS delegate will be planning the Roman Murder Mystery event. Tamsin will be hosting a community service colloquium and Ms. Burns will be hosting a textiles colloquium. Two BLS sponsors will be hosting a Dungeons and Dragons campaign. It is decided that at the dance, there will be karaoke. Carina will look into borrowing BLS's karaoke machine, otherwise the board will project YouTube videos with song lyrics. Anushree suggests having a Kahoot workshop (a quiz game that can be played with phones); she says that the Kahoot at OJCL convention was a resounding success. The board agrees, and a Kahoot round will be one of the workshops. The Disney movie *Coco* will also be shown as one of the entertainment options.

Scripts, Speeches, and Fundraisers (Officer To-Do)

Anushree has started working on the scripts and powerpoints for General Assemblies (GAs). Joseph Delamerced (2017-18 OJCL President) will be giving the closing remarks for 1st GA, Anushree for 2nd, and Derek Rockwell of Barnstable for 3rd GA.

Anushree reminds all officers to look over the scripts and powerpoints, and add any additional information. Officers will need to fill out the Dollars for Scholars "rewards." Anushree plans on contacting Dalena Nguyen, the MaSCL President and asking her to come to the next meeting to help finalize Dollars for Scholars (which is an SCL-run fundraiser). Signs (e.g., Even Zeus Wouldn't Date Me, I Look Nerdy Even at a Latin Convention) and silly costumes will need to be made/found.

The Coin Wars punishment will be having a (possible dyed purple and gold) shaving cream pie thrown in the loser's face.

Programs will need to be ordered after the schedule is finalized. Jesse will contact Linda Qin (2015-16 MassJCL President) and Jacob will contact Najla Nassar (2015-16 MassJCL Publications Editor) to see if either of them have the template for the 2015-16 program. Jacob will look into having Curry Printing make copies of the programs.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Anushree adjourned the meeting at 1:27 P.M.

Upcoming Dates and Events:

MassJCL Board Meeting – *April 7, 2018*

MassJCL State Convention – *April 27-29, 2018*