

**MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES REGARDING THE TRANSITIONAL MEETING**  
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**JUNE 24, 2017**  
**A.D. VIII KAL. JUNIAS A.U.C. MMDCCLXX**

**Dramatis Personae**

***Board Members:***

Anushree Iyengar	President	AMSA
Tim Liu	First Vice President	BLS
Tamsin Edwards	Second Vice President	MAMS
Rachel Wang	Secretary (arrived at 11:14 A.M.)	AMSA
Vikiana Petit-Homme	Treasurer	BLA
Carina Layfield	Parliamentarian	BLS
Jacob Hane	Publications Editor	MTG
Jesse Hogan	Historian	AMSA
Jonathan Yuan	Technical Coordinator	BLS

***Former Board Members:***

Anusha Kulkarni	Former First Vice President	AMSA
Rachel Bisson	Former Second Vice President	MTG
Tim Liu	Former Secretary (Current First Vice President)	BLS
Hugh Sanford	Former Parliamentarian	MTG
Shreya Murthy	Former Publications Editor	AMSA
Will Burnett	Former Historian	BLS

***State Chairs:***

Tamara Bauer		BLS
Margaret Burns		BLS
Janet Fillion		BLA

***Regrets:***

Catherine Foley	State Chair	BLS
Veena Lagare	Former President	BLA
Viet Luong	State Chair	BLA
Victoria Miklosky	State Chair	Barnstable
Kayla Riker	Former Treasurer	BLS
Nancy Sinacola	State Chair	St. Bernard's
Evan Tipping	Former Technical Coordinator	RT

**Guests:**

Maddie Bedard	AMSAJCL Parliamentarian	AMSA
Avery Powers	MTG Second Vice President	MTG
Nate Manley	AKF Parliamentarian	AKF

*Unless otherwise indicated, all individuals recorded as present were present at the beginning of the meeting.*

**Highlights:**

1. The members of the board discuss the events of the 2016-17 State Convention. Suggestions such as having the fellowship and dance rooms farther apart, publicizing the dance dress code, and providing a checklist of items to bring to sponsors were made. Convention will be held at Barnstable High School in the future. (See Minutes 10:39 to 10:58)
2. The present officers of the past and new boards give their reports. Many of the officers want to encourage more submissions for various contest, such as Historian Jesse with art and photography and Tim with the new MassJCL meme contest. (See Minutes 10:59 to 11:55)
3. Ms. Bauer and Ms. Fillion give the State Chairs' report, which concerns the financial standing of MassJCL. (See Minutes 11:56 to 11:58)
4. Will and Shreya give the SCL report. Important updates from the SCL include academic test changes at State Convention (the classical art test has been discontinued and Hellenic and Greek History tests combined into the "Greek Civilization test), the new Jeopardy-style format for the Dollars for Scholars fundraiser, and changes to contest rubrics to align more with the NJCL guidelines. (See Minutes 11:59 to 12:08)
5. Logistics for the Nationals Spirit Party is discussed. It is decided there will not be subsidies for MassJCL officers and teachers attending National Convention this year. Other discussion about spirit and Nationals related topics is **CONFIDENTIAL**. (See Minutes 1:07 to 1:35)
6. Board meeting dates for the year are deliberated. Praetoria 2018 is also discussed; a date will be finalized in the future. The dates of these meetings and other confirmed events can be found in the Upcoming Events and Dates section. (See Minutes 1:36 to 1:58)

**Outline:**

- I. Beginning of Meeting
- II. State Convention Recap

- III. Officer Reports
- IV. State Chairs Report
- V. SCL Report
- VI. Spirit Party, Officer Subsidies, and Nationals Discussion
- VII. Determination of Meeting Dates
- VIII. Conclusion of Meeting

**Minutes:**

\*\*Due to sudden circumstances, Secretary Rachel Wang did not arrive at the meeting until 11:14 A.M. As such, all minutes before 11:14 were taken by 2016-17 Historian Will Burnett.

**I. Beginning of Meeting 10:38 A.M.**

**10:38** – MassJCL President Anushree Iyengar calls the meeting to order

**II. State Convention Recap 10:39 A.M.**

**10:39** – Anushree discusses the possibility of looking through a survey for State Convention but there is no such survey to be found.

**10:40** – Ms. Bauer, in the absence of a Presidential survey, suggests a general discussion about states.

**10:41** – Maddie Bedard adds that the AMSA delegation liked the close proximity of all the events at Convention.

**10:41** – Ms. Bauer brings up that we did in fact lose money at Sturbridge Hotel and Convention Center. She also asserts that we will not be back at Sturbridge, but will be using Barnstable High School as a convention site in the future.

**10:41** – In terms of corresponding about States in the future, Will and Shreya will be in attendance at most if not all MassJCL Board meetings to ensure there is a member of the SCL board present at MassJCL Board Meetings.

**10:43** – Jacob highlights the fact that Mt. Greylock loved gladiator games at States this year. The event ran well and will run in future years. Ms. Bauer asserts that in future Ms. Miklosky will run it as she has in previous years. The weapons workshop also had a positive reception at State Convention, so much so that a sponsor at Mt. Greylock is starting a club for classical weapon making.

**10:45** – Hugh mentions that the game room run by Mr. Brownell and Mr. Bartoloma was very successful. It gave JCLers some downtime and also engaged them when they didn't have another event to attend.

**10:46** – Carina brings up possibly expanding the game room by adding more games to it and expanding the amount of time it is open. It may also be easier to run at Barnstable because we should have projectors etc. readily available.

**10:47** – There is a general consensus that the food was good at State Convention this year.

**10:48** – In general, the organization of State Convention and tentative schedule for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday should be done earlier in the year with chairs so that States can run smoothly. The schedule can be edited as States draws closer and after the meeting at Barnstable.

**10:48** – The 2018 MassJCL State Convention 2018 has been set for the 27th, 28th, and 29th of April.

**10:49** – Ms. Bauer mentions that the Barnstable auditorium is in high demand, but MassJCL has a weekend booked in April.

**10:50** – Vikiana brings up the idea that the dance wardrobe should be communicated better. We could possibly include a semi-formal clothing notice. Dances are relatively semi-formal at National Convention and sometimes there is miscommunication on their front as well so it may be good to establish this year.

**10:51** – Rachel B. also suggests that we publicize semiformal clothing and communicate with chapters as to what they should wear. Ms. Fillion seconds this but also states that as a sponsor and state chair she should know to remind students to do things like bring semi-formal clothing - she suggests putting a note to sponsors with things to remind their students to bring in an email. Rachel B. asks if we should set a semi-formal dress code. Ms. Fillion wonders how much we should care about a semi-formal dress code and whether we could set a looser dress code. Rachel suggests setting one.

**10:53** – Ms. Bauer seconds Ms. Fillion’s idea of providing a checklist to sponsors of things students should bring to Convention. Ms. Bauer suggests placing this checklist in September mailing.

**10:55** – Shreya brings up an issue from States this year - next Convention we need to put dance away from fellowship rooms and the dance should not start until fellowships are done, as this year the dance began earlier than anticipated and there were still students in the AMSA fellowship nearby.

**10:56** – Jacob asks a question about fellowships - in years past we had down time at Barnstable where kids could play cards etc., are we going to have this in future years?

**10:57** – Anushree suggests that we try to keep a policy of not having kids in fellowship rooms during events.

**10:58** – Although we don’t plan on going back to Sturbridge, Ms. Bauer spoke to manager a few weeks after Convention and told us the good news that Sturbridge was very pleased with and impressed by the behavior of the MassJCL.

### **III. Officer Reports**

**10:59 P.M.**

**10:59** – Transition of officer emails takes place. Jonathan may need to reset some passwords but most officers simply hand over their current ones.

**11:02** – Evan is not in attendance, so Jonathan gives his own report. Jonathan says he will have the website done before school year. He plans to have officer bios, an about us page, an individual chapter page, a Google calendar, and a contact page

**11:03** – Ms. Fillion reminds the board that we have a father of a former JCLer from Tewksbury who donates a website domain to us. AMSA and BLA use this domain, but AMSA needs to put an icon on for Merrimax Mechanics on their site to give credit. Ms. Fillion mentions that she should coordinate with Jonathan about sending new chapters websites/domains. She also suggests that we should send a formal thank you to Merrimax Mechanics.

**11:05** – Rachel B. asks if it would be possible for schools not currently using the domain to switch.

**11:06** – Shreya mentions that she has access to the Dropbox account Amol has from several years ago with past websites, documents, etc. in it. She will share this with Jonathan. Shreya also mentions that we could have a previous officer website page.

**11:09** – Jonathan needs a list of sponsors/emails which Ms. Fillion offers to provide.

Ms. Fillion reminds all board members that if they are emailing sponsors they must BCC them.

**11:10** – Shreya gives her report. She says all newsletters have been submitted to Nationals and she has transferred the editor email to Jacob. If newsletters ever need to be printed, Shreya suggests that she can put Jacob in contact with Curry Printing - the printing business that printed her Forums when need be. Anushree suggests that she can pick up the newsletters from Curry Printing when the time comes as she lives relatively nearby. Shreya's report concludes.

**11:12** – Jacob has started a post-states newsletter which should be coming out in time for Nationals. He then outlines a general timeline for the year. The Nationals issue will come out for September Mailing, the Classics Day Issue will come out for Classics day, the post- Classics Day issue will come out in late winter - etc. Jacob would like to include a section on local elections and will work with Jonathan for local board information. Jonathan could create a local boards contact sheet in one of the Forums.

**11:13** – Jacob sets a date for the post-states issue. He intends to send it out by or on July 20<sup>th</sup>

**11:14** – MassJCL Secretary 2017-2018 Rachel Wang arrives.

**\*\*From 11:15 onward, the minutes are taken by Rachel Wang.**

**11:15-11:18** – Will and Jesse give their Historian reports. Jesse has been and plans to continue regularly updating the MassJCL Facebook page with photos, and plans to open a photo. Jesse continues to explain that he has already created a Google Drive folder for submitted images and art as well as his own. He says an officer from AMSAJCL has offered to help take photos at Nationals so that they are able to cover more events.

**11:19** – Jesse wishes to facilitate more art submissions throughout the year. Carina explains that there has been complications with the submission of photos in the past.

**11:20** – Jesse wants to have a scrapbook event at Kickoff to encourage more digital submissions as there was sadly only one last year.

**11:20** – Hugh gives his officer report. He has uploaded the constitution and uploaded it onto the MassJCL Google Drive folder.

**11:21** – Carina gives an overview of her goals for next year. She explains that as introduced in her campaign, she wants to start a contest to encourage people to run for office on a local level,

as well as create a video each month that focuses on a different MassJCL officer position. Since school is out, she also plans to work on amendment proposals in response to the events of the past MassJCL election.

**11:21-11:41** – The board briefly discusses the logistics of lunch.

**11:42** – Will explains that Kayla is currently on vacation in Florida, and gives the officer report she sent to him. On behalf of Kayla, Will asks if Vikiana has received the MassJCL checkbook, to which she confirms. Vikiana explains that we currently have \$4,521 after State Convention, excluding 6 checks that still need to be checked (about \$400-500), the cost of today's lunch, and \$800 owed to SCL.

**11:43** – This totals to about \$3100 in the bank account. Ms. Bauer explains in response to earlier questions the money owed to SCL is for their work of writing Certamen questions and making and grading the State Convention academic tests.

**11:43** – Will asks if MassJCL needs to write the check to SCL immediately. Ms. Bauer explains SCL is waiting until MassJCL knows the final balance of the account for their check.

**11:44** – Ms. Fillion explains in response to earlier questions that the SCL money goes to nationals scholarships, and expresses concerns about the low amount of money in the account. Will asks Vikiana if Kayla sent her the Treasurer email information, and Vikiana responds that she has not.

**11:44** – Tim gives his report. He has the Secretary binder but is currently moving and so will give it to Rachel W. at the next board meeting. Rachel explains that she has created the template of the minutes and will give it to the Technical Coordinator to upload onto the MassJCL website once the new website is up and running.

**11:45** – Anushree explains that since Second Vice President position hadn't been filled at the time of making the agenda, she did not have their officer report scheduled on the agenda. She asks Rachel B. to begin the Second Vice President report.

**11:46** – Rachel B. says that she plans to work with Tamsin on spirit props, and suggests using white signs. She explains that some of the props from last year can be used again, but they need to be restored. Rachel B. also reports that there has been great success with this year's service projects; MassJCL was able to raise a large amount of money with Coin Wars and has received over 1500 items of clothing from various clothing drives. She will be delivering the clothing to the charity Second Chances once she is able to secure transportation, as they are located quite far from her home.

**11:47** – Hugh asks about driving the clothes to the spirit party. Rachel B. explains that with the high amount of donations, she is not able to fit them in one vehicle. She suggests for Tamsin to have unenthusiastic delegates at spirit hold signs.

**11:48** – Will emphasizes that to make sure delegates hold lettered signs in order because in many of the Nationals photos from last year, they were held out of order. Rachel B. has the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP binder, but it is not very helpful and she will give it to Tamsin.

**11:49** – Tamsin gives her report. Anushree realizes that she had scheduled a discussion on spirit

in the agenda (at the time of the making of the agenda, the Second Vice President position had not yet been filled), and so the discussion moves to the First Vice President report.

**11:49** – Anusha gives her report. She explains that she has made her binder and will give it to Tim soon. Will asks if she has sent her successor the email and social media information, Tim explains all of that should be on the MassJCL Google Drive folder. Ms. Fillion asks if she has submitted the Publicity binder to the National Publicity contest.

**11:50** – Anusha explains that she left the binder on a table at the last General Assembly of State Convention for the national officers who'd attended to pick up, but she didn't have time to confirm if the officers got it.

**11:50** – Tim gives his report. He has sent the emails to all prospective speakers for Classics Day, so far 11 or 12 have responded. Tim explains that Classics Day will need about 9 or 10 presenters total, he has gotten 2 confirmations; some of the other speakers who responded would be able to attend but not for both sessions. He will make a spreadsheet of these responses tonight and is planning to ask teachers at his school for more contacts. Tim asks if he could take a picture of the new board at the end of the meeting for the social media accounts, everyone agrees.

**11:51** – Anushree asks about the classical meme contest. Tim says that he has only received one meme so far and it was not an original meme, so he will make another post to encourage submissions tonight.

**11:52** – Ms. Fillion and Vikiana ask where he has advertised the contest. Tim says the MassJCL Facebook page, Ms. Fillion and Vikiana suggest advertising the contest on Instagram and other social media outlets to encourage more submissions.

**11:53** – Rachel B. suggests for Tim to look at the Instagram account of a local chapter that uploads daily JCL and classical memes.

**11:53** – Will suggests for Tim to revamp a few of the logos on the social media accounts so that they are more aesthetically appealing. Tim and Carina both say that they wanted to make Youtube videos to promote MassJCL.

**11:54** – Carina says that they can make the first Officer of the Month video soon. Anushree explains there was a Bean Boozled event a few years ago to promote MassJCL. Carina and Anushree explain how usually the national officers make a lip sync video, and the officers have discussed filming an officer lip sync video to “All Star” by Smash Mouth.

**11:55** – Unfortunately, Veena is not at the meeting and thus cannot give a report, so Anushree gives her own report. She explains that she plans to create a handbook for local presidents to help smaller chapters to add structure to their club.

#### **IV. State Chairs Report**

**11:56 A.M.**

**11:56** – Ms. Bauer and Ms. Fillion give their report. Anushree asks when the state chairs are meeting. Ms. Bauer replies that there is a state chairs meeting next week, and there are two new state chairs for next year, Ms. Burns and Ms. Miklosky. They will assign duties for the new

state chairs and chose a state chair to supervise and mentor an officer whose duties align with the chairs.

**11:57** – Ms. Bauer explains that the main topic of the meeting will be National Convention, and the chairs will be trying to reorganize things and make sure things are finalized and set.

**11:58** – Ms. Fillion asked about meeting updates, Anushree explains that she has scheduled a discussion of meeting dates for the end of today’s meeting.

## **V. SCL Report**

**11:59 P.M.**

**11:59** – Anushree asks for the SCL report. Will explains that he, Shreya, Mr. Howard, and Dalena have had a meeting. One of the main topics of the meeting was Dollars for Scholars, and Will says that the SCL is changing the format for next year so that the fundraiser is more organized.

**12:00** – Will explains that the SCL plans for the Dollars for Scholars fundraiser auction to be Jeopardy styled. Academic testing at State Convention was also discussed, particularly the issues regarding this year’s scantrons. Mr. Howard suggested using a different scantron brand. The SCL decided that for the next convention, to order scantrons immediately after states to then be organized at the following transitional meeting so that there will not a shortage like this year.

**12:01** – Anushree asks about the cost of scantrons. Will does not know. He reports that the SCL suggests having Street versus Open Certamen at States, as there tends to be very few teams from a limited range of schools participating in Open Certamen.

**12:02** – Ms. Fillion asks what the types of questions that would be asked in Street Certamen. Will and Rachel B. say that more pop culture questions would be asked, but to talk to Mr. Howard about specifics.

**12:02** – Will explains the new format for the Dollars for Scholars auction fundraiser. The goal for next year is to raise at least \$1350. There will be silly costumes for the officers to wear for different prizes, as well as a bonus round and a special “Daily Double” prize.

**12:03** – As for academic testing, Will explains that there will no longer be separate Hellenic History and Greek tests; they will be combined as the Greek Civilization test. The SCLers are working to get test questions prepare well ahead of time. Will also says that there will no longer be a classical art test due to low interest.

**12:03** – Will states that Boston Elite registration has been started by Dalena. Ms. Fillion asks what that is, Anushree and Will explain it is the just another name for the SCL Certamen tournament. Mrs. Fillion asks if SCL will need more Certamen buzzers. Will explains they currently have 9 buzzers from BLS and 4 from BLA, and Mr. Howard would appreciate more machines.

**12:05** – Will says that a newsletter will go out soon with the finalized date for the tournament. He explains that in the past, there has been a problem with grading creative arts contests at State Convention. MaSCL wants to update the rubrics for these contests as many of the guidelines are

left up for interpretation. Ms. Fillion asks if the graphics arts contests rubrics will be updated as those are discretionary, Will says that SCL will look into it.

**12:06** – Will explains that most of the rubrics follow the guidelines of the NJCL contest rubrics but SLC wishes to review them to make sure they align more and are more clear.

**12:07** – Will asks who on the board is a rising junior or senior high school student, various officers raise their hands. Will says that SCL wants to organize a college tour next year, and they are currently looking at Boston University and a few other places with Mr. Howard.

**12:07** – Anushree asks about when the updated MassJCL contest booklet should be done. Ms. Fillion estimates around December. Ms. Bauer explains that usually the board has to rush to send out the booklet before February, so the earlier, the better.

**12:08** – Ms. Bauer stressed that it would be easier for the officers to get things done over the summer, before school starts. Will asks where Shreya is, Anushree says that she is getting the pizza. The meeting is put on hold for lunch.

## **VI. Spirit Party, Officer Subsidies, and Nationals Discussion 1:07 P.M.**

**1:07** – The meeting is resumed by Anushree after lunch. She introduces the next item on the agenda, which is spirit and changes to gavel to Tamsin. Tamsin explains that the spirit party is taking place July 9<sup>th</sup> at Houghton's Pond.

**1:08** – Carina voices how in the officer group chat, officers were discussing the possibility of having ice cream at the party, and there's an ice cream place near her house.

**1:08** – Ms. Bauer asks how the process of ordering and distributing the ice cream would work, and expresses concern regarding the possibility of it melting, ice cream might melt, ordering. Carina explains that the ice cream place sells the ice cream in 3-gallon amounts and the containers could be stored in coolers. Ms. Bauer says that would be lots of ice required, asks Carina if she has coolers. She thinks that the cost of the ice cream would be fine, but needs to make sure it would be in the budget.

**1:09** – Ms. Bauer says that there would need to be someone there constantly scooping the ice cream, which might be inconvenient. She explains that she has a homemade ice cream freezer, but it needs to be plugged in, otherwise she would offer to make it.

**1:10** – Jacob explains that maybe ice cream cups, such as Hoodsie Cups, could be bought. Ms. Bauer says that to pay for the Hoodsies, we would unfortunately not be able to have cake. Anushree says that she would personally prefer to have cake over ice cream, and the board agrees.

**1:11** – Ms. Bauer asks the board why the ice cream fascination. Carina says that she likes ice cream, and she thought it might be fun for the spirit party. She explains that she hasn't attended the spirit party and so wasn't sure about the logistics of food.

**1:12** – Ms. Bauer explains that it usually takes a while to load the food, and then the grilling starts around 10. She says that bringing food into the venue and keeping it cold can be a challenge, Carina agrees that the ice cream doesn't seem feasible.

**1:13** – Ms. Bauer asks if someone else wanted to do ice cream, everyone agrees it is not very convenient and it is decided not to have ice cream. Rachel B. asks if there are other plans regarding the spirit party. Ms. Bauer says that Tamsin can send her a shopping list of materials she is not able to get. Anushree offers to help shop for supplies.

**1:14** – Ms. Bauer says that someone needs to order a cake. Tamsin says that she has a Shaw’s near her house, and she would be able to pick it up. Ms. Bauer reminds Tamsin to get a message on the cake in purple and yellow, and the board to print handouts so people can practice the cheers.

**1:14** – Rachel B. asks about the process of spirit party. Ms. Bauer explains they usually pass out the handouts, start cooking the food, people eat and then practice the cheers. A specific agenda hasn’t been determined yet, and Ms. Bauer says the main focus on JCLers getting to know each other.

**1:15** – Anushree states that there are usually icebreakers for everyone to get to know each other. Ms. Bauer speaks about the importance of having time for everyone getting to know each other, especially as MassJCLers compete with each other throughout the year. Various discussion on ideas for icebreakers ensues. Ms. Bauer suggests having earth games, which are noncompetitive icebreakers that could be held for spirit games.

**1:16** – An unsuccessful Google search, Ms. Bauer suggests searching for other noncompetitive bonding games. Anushree affirms the date for the event, Sun. July 9.

**1:17** – Spirit is then deliberated in a **CONFIDENTIAL** conversation. Tamsin asks Ms. Bauer for a list of the people attending nationals to keep a record of shirt sizes.

**1:29** – Anushree asks if all board members have for nationals. Everyone confirms, but some officers still need to fill out Vicki Curler’s permission slip.

**1:30** – Anushree opens discussion on officer subsidies. Ms. Fillion explains that there are 7 teachers and 9 officers attending, so there would be 16 subsidies this year. She suggests leaving an at least \$2500 “buffer” in the account, which might not be possible with a \$100 subsidy

**1:31** – Ms. Bauer suggests giving a \$75 subsidy to each person. Anushree suggests not having subsidies if they’re under \$100. Rachel B. agrees, and explains it would better to save the money for larger subsidies next year.

**1:32** – Ms. Fillion expresses concerns about having subsidies, as money still needs to be allocated for spirit supplies. Ms. Bauer says that also there still needs to be money for the spirit party, teacher parking at Nationals, money for travel tips, and MassJCL usually buys snacks for the Certamen kids.

**1:33** – Various officers suggest bringing back a spirit fee for MassJCLers to pay to help with funds for spirit supplies. Ms. Fillion says it might be expensive for students. Anushree says that since registration was less expensive this year, it might be easier for students to pay a spirit fee. Ms. Fillion explains that since State Convention will be held back at Barnstable high school next year, the cost of States would be substantially lower and there would be more money for subsidies. Financial and state convention planning is discoursed in a **CONFIDENTIAL**

discussion.

**1:35** – Anushree asks if there are any more questions before moving on to determining meeting dates. Shreya explains that she will be able to secure the Northborough Free Library for all board meetings, but would need to be in attendance at all meetings. Carina asks Rachel W. if she would be able to get the library for meetings, Rachel explains that while she does live in Northborough, the library requires someone 18+ to schedule and be present at meetings. Anushree says this is fine, as Shreya can be the SCL representative at board meetings.

## **VII. Determination of Meeting Dates**

**1:36 P.M.**

**1:36** – Anushree opens discussion about meeting dates. These dates can be found in the **Upcoming Events and Dates** section of the minutes. Will and Shreya say that the Boston University facilities are not ideal, and recommend not having the meeting before Classics Buy there. Anushree replies that the Classics Day meeting will be held at the Northborough Free Library.

**1:37** – Ms. Fillion expresses that we should donate some money to the library. Ms. Bauer agrees, especially as they always let MassJCL use their facilities for meetings for free.

**1:37** – Anushree affirms that July 9 will be the spirit party, 23. Vikiana asks when the MassJCL flight schedule will be finalized, Ms. Fillion says that the airline does not have a confirmed schedule yet.

**1:38** – Anushree suggests having a July board meeting, Ms. Bauer and Ms. Fillion asks if there is usually a meeting before Nationals in July. Rachel explains that last year, they had a meeting to pass on spirit props and discuss travel plans. Ms. Bauer asks if needs to be a formal officer meeting for that.

**1:39** – Shreya says she won't be available from July 3-20 due to vacation for a meeting, which means the meeting wouldn't be able to be held at the Northborough library; the library requires a Northborough resident at least 18 years of age to schedule and be present at meetings held at their facilities.

**1:40** – Will suggests holding the meeting at Boston University. Anushree explains that local libraries are usually booked and she doesn't want the meeting to conflict with Certamen practice.

**1:41** – Will asks Rachel W. if she would be able to schedule a meeting, she explains that she is not over 18 but could have her mom or sister schedule the meeting if circumstances were exigent. Anushree suggests having it after the spirit party.

**1:42** – Ms. Bauer says the meeting could be held during a more quiet moment at the meeting, Ms. Fillion says that it's a good way to include MassJCLers.

**1:44** – Anushree confirms to have the July meeting informally at the spirit party. Anushree opens discussion on meeting dates for next year, starting from August.

**1:45** – Ms. Bauer recommends having the meeting in early August. Anushree suggests having the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup>. Vikiana asks if August 19<sup>th</sup> would be an option. Anushree

replies that it is the day before school starts, which would not be very convenient. Everyone agrees that August 5<sup>th</sup> is the most convenient, and it allows for a more accurate National Convention recap. Anushree asks if Boston Elite is on September 30. Rachel B. explains that Mt. Greylock is still determining a date for Kickoff, and Ms. Fillion asks her to update the board once they have a final date.

**1:46** – Carina asks when Praetoria will be held, and Will asks if it will be held in the fall or spring, Shreya suggests having it in the fall.

**1:47** – Will suggests having Praetoria in the spring, so that it is held closer to State Convention and thus can be helpful for campaigning. Anushree agrees, and explains while she hasn't attended fall Praetoria, she has attended Praetoria when it was held in the spring, and felt that since it was closer to State Convention it was more helpful.

**1:47** – Rachel B. says that since Praetoria is more focused on running a club, it might be too late in the year to hold Praetoria in the spring. Ms. Fillion suggests holding the event in late fall or early winter, as there are not many MassJCL events then.

**1:48** – Shreya says that with Street Certamen and formal Certamen tournaments, it would be difficult to hold an event from February onwards. Anushree says that it would be fine to hold Praetoria in January, just with a snow day date. Ms. Fillion suggests contacting and getting preferable dates from Holy Cross.

**1:49** – Will explains a lot of people who play certamen don't necessary attend Praetoria, but last year it did conflict with the Yale Tournament and many people who were interested were not able to attend; Jonathan and Anushree express their difficulties with that schedule conflict. Ms. Bauer explains that since Praetoria tries to encourage new leadership throughout MassJCL, it might not necessary attract seasoned Certamen players; schedule conflicts with the exceptions of some adults would probably not be a major problem. Vikiana expresses that she also thinks holding Praetoria in the spring would be better.

**1:40** – Carina says that having the board meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March would be ideal to discuss candidacy early, and the date would not conflict with Certamen. Ms. Bauer asks if February or March would be better. Anushree and Carina agrees on March, because of the chance of snow in February.

**1:51** – Rachel B. says Praetoria might conflict with Mt. Greylock's spring musical, which presents another schedule conflict as many Mt. Greylock students heavily involved in JCL are also involved in their school's drama program. Jacob and Rachel B. explain that they would receive the final musical date later. Will says that once they receive the date, planning can begin.

**1:52** – Anushree begins discussion on the November meeting. Rachel W. says she has speech tournaments on the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 18<sup>th</sup>. Anushree explains that because of Thanksgiving vacation, November 4<sup>th</sup> is ideal. Carina agrees, as Yale Certamen is usually on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**1:53** – Anushree says that the only MassJCL event in December is Classics Day. Rachel B. asks if there's a confirmed date, Tim replies that it's December 7<sup>th</sup>. The board decides to not have a

December meeting.

**1:54** – Carina says that she has an art history field trip on the last Saturday of January, Rachel W. says she has a speech tournament on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Anushree decides that January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the January meeting.

**1:55** – Ms. Bauer asks Anushree if she can send her a list of the discussed dates. Anushree asks if there's usually a March meeting before State Convention, as she currently can't remember. Carina says should probably have another meeting between the January amendments meeting and State Convention. Anushree explains that since she helps coach the AMSA Certamen players, she will have to be at Certamen tournaments and thus not be able to attend board meetings. She expresses that she would also prefer to save March to hold Praetoria.

**1:57** – Anushree asks if the board would prefer a meeting date closer to convention, such as in early April. Rachel W. explains that she has a speech tournament April 7<sup>th</sup>, and Tamsin says that she has final exams the first two weeks of April.

**1:58** – Anushree asks when is April vacation, Carina responds that it begins on April 15<sup>th</sup>. She asks the board if April 14<sup>th</sup> is a good tentative date for the on-site Barnstable meeting, everyone agrees.

**1:59** – Anushree suggests for all the officers to have a conference call, as it may be difficult to schedule a meeting before Praetoria.

**1:59** – Ms. Bauer asks if could have a list of the board's contact information. She informs the board that she does not regularly check her MassJCL chair email, and to send communications instead to her personal email. Rachel W. says that she can make a spreadsheet of the contact information and email it to Ms. Bauer. Vikiana distributes a piece of paper on which board members write their contact information.

**2:00** – Jacob explains that he will need everyone's contact information for the MassJCL stationery. Ms. Fillion asks if he needs a copy of the old stationery as a reference, and the officers explain that there is a copy of last year's stationery in the MassJCL Google Drive folder. Shreya explains that it can be downloaded as a Word document.

**2:02** – Anushree goes through the determined dates of next year's board meetings.

**2:03** – Shreya asks Anushree if she wants to library for Barnstable, Anushree says much as possible. She stresses that the January amendments will also need to be held at the library. Shreya explains that she will schedule the rest of the meetings for the year immediately, but 2018 meetings can only be scheduled after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2:04** – Vikiana says she will email a reimbursement form for MassJCL expenses to all officers after the meeting.

**2:04** – With all discussion concluded, Anushree officially adjourns the meeting.

**VIII. Conclusion of Meeting**

**2:04 P.M.**

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**Duration:**

3 Hours and 26 Minutes

**Summary:**

Most of the current and former officers gave officer reports, followed by Shreya and Will giving the SCL report, and Ms. Bauer and Ms. Fillion giving the State Chairs’ report. The logistics of the Nationals Spirit Party and other miscellaneous topics relating to National Convention were discussed. The dates of next year’s board meeting were determined, and it was decided Praetoria will be held in the spring.

**Upcoming Events and Dates:**

- Nationals Spirit Party----- July 9, 2017
- National Convention ----- July 24 to 29, 2017
- MassJCL Board Meeting -----August 5, 2017
- MassJCL Board Meeting -----September 23, 2017
- Kickoff -----October 21, 2017
- MassJCL Board Meeting -----November 4, 2017
- Classics Day -----December 7, 2017
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- January 20, 2018
- MassJCL Board Meeting -----April 14, 2018
- MassJCL State Convention ----- April 27 to 29, 2018

***Entertaining Latin Quote:***

*“Ars adeo latet arte sua.”*

“So art lies hid by its own artifice.”

– **Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, Book X, Line 252**

***Insightful Literature Quote:***

*“I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning to sail my ship.”*

– **Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women***

Minutes by Will Burnett and  
Rachel Wang