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Dramatis Personae

Present Board Members:

Veena Lagare	President	BLA
Rachel Bisson	Second Vice President	MTG
Tim Liu	Secretary	BLS
Hugh Sanford	Parliamentarian	MTG
Shreya Murthy	Publications Editor	AMSA
Will Burnett	Historian	BLS
Evan Tipping	Technical Coordinator	RT

Present Former Board Members:

Veena Lagare	Former Second Vice President (Current President)	BLA
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State Chairs:

Janet Fillion		BLA
Viet Luong		BLA
Nancy Sinacola		St. Bernard's

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Tamara Bauer	State Chair	BLS
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Linda Qin	Former President	BLS
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Guests:

Francesca Fontin	Former SCL President	NU
Anne Nelson	Former State Chair	WSHS
Hanna Seariac	Current NJCL Second Vice President	AMSA

Highlights:

1. The issue of media disclosure is the first topic to be deliberated, and a serious one at that. After much debate the board and State Chairs agreed to draft a form with a media release section for teachers to give to their students when signing up for MassJCL and NJCL. (See Minutes 9:46 to 10:00)
2. Linda gave her State Convention recap through Skype. She went over the survey, which detailed both the positive and negative aspects of the convention, according to JCLers from across the State. (See Minutes 10:11 to 10:37)
3. Before the officer reports, the rules for graphic arts contests at State Convention were rearranged due to issues regarding the percentage scale of graphic arts submissions. Now, attendees will be limited by the amount of graphic arts submissions that they may enter, although the points garnered from graphic arts contests will not be scaled down. (See Minutes 11:09 to 11:31)
4. The officers provided their reports. Some of the more noteworthy parts of this includes the possibility of purchasing a permanent MassJCL camera, the decision to only digitally distribute the newsletter, and information regarding Classics Day. (See Minutes 11:44 to 1:01)
5. The State Chairs gave their report. Most of their report was about the venue of next year's State Convention, Sturbridge Hotel. (See Minutes 1:03 to 1:35)
6. Francesca gave the SCL report regarding State Convention. The main issues that she discussed revolved around a lack of active chaperones and issues revolving around convention registration. (See Minutes 1:39 to 2:02).
7. Unfortunately, the dialogue about spirit at Nation Convention is **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Pre-Meeting Activity (If any):

- The table and chairs are set up in the center of the room and the agenda is passed around to all attendees of the meeting.

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting 9:46 AM

Media Disclosure Discussion:

9:46 – Ms. Fillion suggests that either the Secretary or the Historian should manage all MassJCL photographs. It is decided that this task should be placed upon the Historian. Ms. Sinicola says

that these photographs could be shared through Google Drive, and although Will agrees to use that option, he also plans on creating a MassJCL Flickr account. He says that the board will be able to access and upload to the account, while the chapters will be able to view it and download photographs from it.

9:47 – Hanna wonders if there should be media release forms for each event during the year. Will says that he talked to the Fowler School sponsors about whether or not they were comfortable with having their chapter disclosed in media, since it consists mainly of younger individuals. Ms. Fillion reminds the board that the sponsors cannot give the permission, but the parents of each individual attendee must do so. Ms. Nelson suggests an addition to permission slips. Ms. Sinacola thinks that it could be an addition to signing up for JCL at the beginning of the year, but Ms. Fillion reminds her that she would have to ensure that this happened with every chapter, which risks the chance of not garnering the approval of each individual club member. Hanna says that it would be better if each individual member were given permission slips for their parents to sign, rather than having the media release be a part of signing up for JCL; she believes that this method is more tangible and ensures that the media release is acknowledged by the parents.

9:48 – Ms. Nelson says that parent signatures are necessary for every event regardless, so it would be convenient to add it as an addition to the permission slips for each individual event. It is determined that the media release will be added to the various permission slips. Ms. Fillion brings up the question of who will be responsible for each of these permission slips.

9:51 – There is no catapult form at all, so Ms. Sinacola volunteers to create one. Anusha should be responsible for the Classics Day form. Ms. Sinacola says that since the permission slips only require the an additional media release section, one person could be responsible for that. However, Ms. Fillion thinks that the Classics Day permission slip may vary from the other permission slips. Ms. Sinacola responds by saying that Anusha will be making the Classics Day permission slip from a template, and that the media release would just be incorporated into that template.

9:52 – Ms. Sinacola needs to find the previous permission slips. Hanna has all of the emails that have been sent to the sponsors in the past three years. Shreya would also like these emails.

9:53 – Evan suggests having media release as a separate document, so parents know explicitly that they are signing it. If it is just one of the numerous clauses in a permission slip, the parents may not notice it. Ms. Sinacola says that perhaps a separate signature, not a separate document, would be better, as it would eliminate the confusion of having two permission slips to collect. Hanna says that since the only pictures that matter, as far as media release is concerned, are the ones taken by the MassJCL executive board, it could be stated that only they will not be able to take pictures of the abstaining individuals. Will says nametags could identify such attendees, and that the board and State Chairs could notify the pertinent sponsor(s) before a particular event.

9:54 – Shreya says that it would be easy for it to be introduced once at the beginning of the year as an additional permission slip when signing up for JCL, but Hanna thinks that it should be signed before every event in case people decide to change their minds.

9:55 – Hanna also mentions that it would be difficult to collect these new forms along with all of the money involved with registering for JCL. Thus, it would be easier just to integrate it into permission slips on an event by event basis.

9:58 – Ms. Sinacola suggests creating the JCL registration form along with the media release for the teachers to use. This would not have to be signed for every event, although there will be a list of events. This is agreed upon over having media release on the permission slips for every event. Hanna asks about whether or not this form will be an addition to the original teacher form; the response is that it will be. Ms. Nelson says that the teachers would keep these forms, but send a list of the people abstaining from media release to the board and State Chairs. Ms. Sinacola makes note that this new form will pertain to signing up for both MassJCL and NJCL.

10:00 – The discussion moves on to media release at Certamen tournaments. It is ambiguous about whether or not certain tournaments, such as Harvard or Yale Certamen, will be covered by the media release for MassJCL, since those events are technically not sponsored by the state chapter. Ms. Fillion and Shreya suggests adding these tournaments to the list of events on the new form but clearly stating that they are not MassJCL events, although MassJCL photographs may still be taken at them. The problem is that not everyone that goes to Certamen tournaments are registered as part of MassJCL, and there isn't an official permission slip for Harvard and Yale Certamen. Hanna says that media release for these events could be kept simple by having a section on their respective Google Forms for individuals that have abstained from it. This would be exclusive for Certamen.

10:08 – As the sign-in sheet is passed around, the present officers, State Chairs, and guests introduced themselves. This information can be viewed in the *Dramatis Personae*.

State Convention Recap:

10:11 – The State Convention recap is finally initiated. Linda is phoned in on Skype. Isn't technology wonderful?

10:12 – Linda begins speaking about the survey. However, the State Chairs have technical difficulties bringing up the survey results on their computing devices.

10:17 – After everything is sorted out, Linda starts with the survey responses for Friday night. There was a large amount of positive feedback for "Project Runway". It was slow for the audience at the beginning, as the officers were having trouble managing the participants. Another complaint was that it did not particularly appeal to male students. Other people wanted the hypnotist to be brought back. There seem to be "mixed opinions" about the hypnotist.

10:20 – The Roman reenactors at Kick-Off are brought up. Hanna says that although she personally enjoyed them, they were not able to capture the attention of the general audience. If

this was shortened, it could be more appealing. Will mentions that the Improv Troupe from Boston Latin School was brought to Kick-Off a few years ago. More technical difficulties ensue.

10:22 – Linda says that the most constructive feedback was regarding contest registration. She says that one person suggested adding a section where people could list out any conflicts between their registered events. This could resolve many problems and improve the experience of many JCLers.

10:23 – Ms. Sinicola explains the problem with Sight Reading at this year’s State Convention. She had assigned SCLers that were unfamiliar with the procedure of administering Sight Reading. This resulted in chaos, uncomfortable sentiments, and a generally overwhelming circumstance for all involved.

10:26 – The State Chairs begin to discuss how Sight Reading can be arranged next year, but Hanna suggests to “table” it for another time. Linda says that one sponsor, who may have been new to JCL, wished for a hospitality room where students and sponsors alike could socialize before the prospect of competition. Ms. Fillion says that students can socialize at dinner, and that there is already a hospitality room for adults.

10:27 – Linda received feedback on the Constitutional Amendments Meeting, particularly on its exceeding duration. There were audience members that did not understand certain concepts, which led some people to become upset.

10:29 – Hanna says that if conflicts begin to arise, the belligerents should be politely told to continue their dispute at another time. Hugh suggests bringing microphones around to people and allocating a time limit for how long a single person may possess a microphone. Will thinks that the idea could work if executed correctly, although it could potentially take up even more time.

10:30 – Linda went to all new schools during fellowship on Friday night, yet there was still confusion. Hanna says that three schools did not have spirit props, and in fact were unaware of the existence of spirit until Saturday.

10:31 – Ms. Nelson recalls “Voice Your School Day” for new teachers, which did not turn out to be very successful, although she still believes that guides for State Convention should be sent out to teachers at the beginning of the year. Rachel will make a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation to explain spirit. She says that *Praetoria* clarified many facets of JCL, which many had been confused about, for its attendees. Will and Hugh mention that Dalena’s *Candidacy Corner* was useful, and could be even more so if it was sent out earlier in the coming year. Hanna says that people who aren’t willing to go to events such as *Praetoria* will most likely not be willing to look at a document like *Candidacy Corner*, but Linda believes that MassJCL should nevertheless make the effort.

10:35 – Most of the feedback for Sunday was positive, although there were some people who suggested to move the worm activity onto the grass. Hanna explains that no matter the location of the worm, participants’ clothing will nevertheless be sullied in some way, and thus they should be prepare accordingly.

10:37 – Overall, attendees seemed to have enjoyed the event. Linda concludes her report, but before she logs off, the board congratulates her for a successful year as President.

10:38 – Ms. Sinicola returns to the topic of the Constitutional Amendments Meeting. There was a problem in which there was great confusion surrounding a certain question.. She wonders if Dalena had sent out her PowerPoint presentation for the meeting; various board members explain that Dalena has not. Ms. Sinicola thinks that this is something that should be done in the future.

10:39 – Ms. Fillion states that amendments are generally hard to follow, and because of that, there should be informational materials regarding them. Hugh thinks that this could be added to the *Forum Factorum*, although Hanna suggests that it could be incorporated into the *Convention Ear*.

10:40 – Ms. Sinicola mentions that nobody looked at the Constitutional Amendments Meeting presentation beforehand, and there turned out to be an accidental reversal of statements that caused disarray amongst the audience.

10:41 – Ms. Fillion asks Hugh whether or not Dalena has sent the amendments to Hugh. He says that he has the approved amendments, but not the entirety of them.

10:42 – Hanna says that she suggested Rachel to make an online form for the Community Service Contest, like it is done at National Convention. Will says that if he decides upon digital scrapbooks, he will have them submitted before State Convention. Ms. Nelson brings up the vast quantity of scrapbooks that were submitted this year. Ms. Fillion suggests that each scrapbook judge should be assigned to evaluating only a handful of certain aspects, so the judging may be conducted more seamlessly.

10:45 – Will is going to revise the scrapbook for the upcoming year, based upon the National Convention rubric. There are more judges and a larger window of time for judging at Nationals, so Will shall try to streamline the rubric for the statewide level. Ms. Fillion reminds the board that all rubrics should be ready by the beginning of the year, so people will have all year to work on their submissions. The Contest Handbook should be ready by September.

10:47 – Shreya brings up a problem with the costume contest, in which participants were unaware that they needed sponsor signatures on their receipts, as it was not mentioned in the Contest Handbook. Ms. Sinicola thinks that those were the individuals who did not have receipts at all. Nevertheless, the contest outlines in the handbook could be more clear.

10:48 – Hanna explains that she made the National Convention Contest Handbook, which is apparently over one-hundred pages long.

10:49 – Hanna says that the NJCL website is being switched over in the upcoming year. Currently, many aspects of it cannot be changed, and it is thoroughly problematic, although these qualms will likely be queued in the near future. Ms. Sinicola states that the manner in which the Contest Handbook was added to the MassJCL website caused it to be difficult to access. Hanna and Ms. Fillion also agree that there were a few issues regarding the website in the past year.

10:53 – Evan believes that the website should be done with a functional layout, and once that is successfully completed, only then can aesthetic appeal be integrated. Ms. Fillion explains to

Evan that the MassJCL archives should be incorporated into the upcoming new website. Evan does not yet have access to Anushree's website; she is still updating it for the National Convention contest. Hanna will ask Amol about his website for archival purposes.

10:58 – Ms. Fillion is confused about the Membership Contest. Rachel explains that her school was confused about the membership contest. Ms. Fillion believes that the membership contest should be simplified, and does not have to mirror any National Convention contests. Hanna will speak to Anusha about it, and it could be discussed at the July meeting. Ms. Sinicola asks about the purpose of the Membership Contest. Hanna states that it is done in order to encourage chapters to actively promote and increase membership using avenues such as social media.

10:59 – Ms. Fillion is skeptical about whether or not social media has been proven to bring in new members, but Hanna ensures that social media campaigns are in fact successful. She cites the success of the short informational commercials that she helped make at National Convention and a National Classics Week promotional video. Additionally, she brings up the BLSJCL video of members asking random people classically themed questions, and how such videos are good for garnering new members, especially younger ones as they are easily impressionable.

11:01 – Hanna explains that the Membership Contest is based off of both percentage of growth and the number of newly acquired members. The other categories involve membership campaigns. The winner is whichever school gets the most total points across all of the categories.

11:03 – Ms. Fillion brings up the issue of rushed judging this year. Hanna agrees that there must be proactivity regarding the judgement of contests.

11:04 – Schools can either make a physical or a digital scrapbook, but not both. This is the rule for National Convention, and will most likely be the case with State Convention. Will is going to create informational packets about this for the upcoming year.

11:06 – There is miscellaneous discussion about scrapbooks. Hanna has examples of digital scrapbooks for Will to use.

11:07 – Will would like to do a physical scrapbook for Nationals, but is also planning to make a non-competitive digital scrapbook exclusively for MassJCL. Ms. Luong believes that digital scrapbooks can be more easily accessed and viewed than physical scrapbooks. Regardless of the extent that digital scrapbooks will be used, Will has sound experience in constructing them.

11:09 – Veena asks if the board has any more topics to bring up before officer reports. Will points out that the percentage scale for each contest category was not publicized in the Contest Handbook, and that it would be very beneficial to include it in the future. Ms. Fillion explains that the scale is present in order to make competition fair; for instance, since there are so many graphic arts contests, an artist could easily garner an excessive amount of points, while this could not happen in academic contests due to a smaller amount of options. Will was dismayed by the small amount of points that he was able to acquire from his vast amount of graphic arts submissions. Ms. Fillion argues that since there are fewer creative and academic contests and that they are mainly done at convention, while graphic artists have all year to prepare their numerous submissions, the percentage scale is fair. Will brings up the sheer amount of effort that

graphic artists put into their multitude of submissions, and reiterates that he believes the scale to be too low. This sparks a very long and convoluted discussion that leads to the reworking of the amount of contests in each category, and the amount of contests that attendees can sign up for in each category. For your sake, dear reader, I will summarily detail the results of this discussion. Multimedia and posters will be removed from graphic arts. All other graphic arts contests will remain the same, although attendees will be limited to entering only eleven graphic arts submissions. Chariot runners may or not get points in Olympika, although this has not been firmly decided upon yet. All other categories will not be modified. Thus, the percentage scale difference between categories will no longer take effect at the upcoming State Convention.

11:31 – Ms. Luong says that sign-up sheets for whole-school contests may be necessary. Ms. Fillion suggests a designated runner to bring information back and forth to the State Chairs. Hanna and Ms. Luong suggest that this could be done online, especially since the internet connection at Sturbridge will be good. Ms. Fillion says that this runner could be a younger student that may be looking for experience in order to run for state office in the future. After a deliberation about who could take up this role, Ms. Luong suggests moving the conversation to another meeting.

11:34 – Ms. Fillion emphasizes the need for a participant's sheet regarding whole-school contests, starting with the catapult contest.

11:35 – Ms. Fillion believes would be beneficial if regulating the catapult contest became part of an officer's official tasks. Hanna suggests the Second Vice President for this job. Ms. Fillion says that an online participation points document should be used to track whole-school events throughout the year. Hanna motions that Rachel should be responsible for this throughout the upcoming year, and that this matter can be officially discussed at the amendments board meeting. Ms. Sinicola reminds Hanna that she is unable to make motions. Rachel adds that since the Snowball dance is gone, it makes sense for the Second Vice President to be assigned a new task.

11:37 – Shreya successfully makes the motion that Hanna had attempted to make. Ms. Fillion says that the new folder should be called "Whole-School Contests". Ms. Sinicola mentions that Amol had the running totals for whole-school contests on his website, although it became difficult to manage this at State Convention.

11:39 – Hanna talks about solidifying one person as the creator of videos. It is decided that the WeAreMaJCL YouTube channel will be the official channel (there need not be any more new channels), and that the Historian will be the person responsible for videos.

11:41 – Will says that MassJCL memories video will be done before State Convention next year. Shreya motions that Will shall handle the YouTube channel in the upcoming year, and that it should be discussed at the amendments board meeting. Ms. Sinicola states that although there might be a larger number of amendments to deal with, some of them, such as the ones that were just recently proposed, will be easy to deal with.

11:43 – Ms. Sinicola brings up the subject of retrieving lunch, and Hanna shares some very sentimental memories of Italian food.

Officer Reports:

11:44 – Veena initiates the officer reports. Evan gives his report. He is currently getting accustomed to Bootstrap and waiting for access to the Adobe Suite. Veena has the information for the Adobe Suite, which she will make available to the board members. She also asks about the situation with the email transfer from old officers to new officers. Ms. Luong says that Anushree will eventually send an email with all of the necessary information regarding the emails.

11:46 – Will gives his report. He has started a miniature scrapbook just for states, which he passes this around on his computing device. Will brings up the idea of getting a permanent MassJCL camera for future Historians.

11:47 – Hanna supports Will's idea, saying that this would be advantageous for those who cannot afford a high-quality camera, and if the Historian does have a sufficient camera of their own, the Publications Editor could use the new permanent MassJCL camera. Will volunteers to make a packet detailing the use of this camera.

11:48 – Will understands that the camera would take money into account, and because of this, there should be liability forms. Shreya mentions that there are certain warranties that can be purchased along with a camera. Only if the damage is outside of the warranty will the Historian have to cover the costs of the camera. The liability form should clearly outline the responsibilities of owning the camera and the consequences of mistreating it. This form could be signed by both the Historian and their guardian(s). Hanna suggests having the State Chairs bring the camera to each event if they are concerned about its wellbeing, although she believes that this may not be necessary. It is generally agreed upon that potential officers can be trusted with the camera due to amount of responsibility that they will likely feel for it. Ms. Fillion tells Will to keep his eye out for a camera throughout the year.

11:55 – Shreya gives her report. She mentions her plan to encourage more schools to create newsletters. She thinks that State Convention results should be moved to a separate, smaller issue of the *Forum Factorum*. Ms. Fillion thinks that it may be too late if this is done physically, but if done digitally, this could be viable. Shreya confirms that it will not be fully-fledged publications, but a short newsletter to be shared exclusively with MassJCLers. The discussion drifts to the idea of distributing the newsletters digitally, an idea that seems to be very agreeable.

11:58 – Hanna tells Shreya to continue using a multiple of four pages for digital publications. The board and State Chairs unanimously agree that moving the *Forum Factorum* to a purely digital medium would both decrease costs while not affecting accessibility. The board explains to Ms. Fillion that Shreya and the previous Publications Editors have been using InDesign to create their newsletters. Hanna says that as far as newsletter styles go, a black and white scheme with a minimal amount of aesthetic can be used to great effect. Ms. Fillion believes that future

newsletters should contain a substantial amount of content and does not need a large amount of graphical design features.

12:07 – Hugh gives his report. He talks about his proposed amendments. The first one is a requirement for Historian, Publications Editor, Technical Coordinator candidates to submit examples of their previous work in order to run. Hanna believes that with this composition, both the skill and personality of candidates can be judged by potential voters. Tim suggests doing to same for Secretary candidates as well. The other amendment is a requirement for state office candidates to be taking a classics related course at school.

12:13 – Ms. Fillion gives the Treasurer report. She addresses the topic of officer and sponsor subsidies. The following conversation entails the transportation of certain individuals to National Convention and the situation regarding the shuttle, the details of which I will refrain from disclosing.

12:23 – Tim gives his report. He says that he will follow through with his plan of adding crossword puzzles to his Minutes and having prizes linked to these puzzles.

12:25 – There is conversation about shipping and/or bringing certain items, such as spirit props, to National Convention. Additionally, Ms. Fillion thinks that a certain officer should be assigned to teaching the State Chairs about social media.

12:27 – Lunch arrives, and everyone proceeds to quell their insatiable desire for food.

12:59 – Anusha sent her report to Veena, who proceeds to read it out loud. Anusha has contacted the Boston University professors regarding Classics Day. She has discussed the possibility of a plenary lecture with Professor Scully, whose idea is to have one speaker address all of the attendees for the during of the first workshop before splitting the attendees into groups for the second workshop. On that topic, she is looking to see who she could invite for the plenary lecture, although whether or not there will be a plenary lecture is not yet set in stone. However, if there is a plenary lecture, the concept will be “how entertainment has changed over time from the early Greeks to the Roman Empire”. The venue for Classics Day has been booked for December 1st, 2016, which is a Thursday.

1:01 – Ms. Sinicola thinks that a plenary lecture, should it occur, may be boring for some, and that choice is what most people are looking for. Hanna is also concerned that the plenary lecture, combined with the “Golden Bough” speech, may create too long of a General Assembly.

State Chairs' Report:

1:03 – The State Chairs give their report. Ms. Sinicola confirms that the next State Convention will be held at Sturbridge. They had considered moving it back to Barnstable, but that would have caused the loss of a vast amount of money. State Convention will be held from April 7th to 9th, 2017.

1:04 – The State Chairs will work on the schedule for State Convention over the summer. The people who handle large events at Sturbridge have changed, although this should not be problematic. When the 2015 convention was held at Sturbridge, there were a variety of other

conflicting events occurring at the hotel, so not all of the rooms were available for the use of MassJCL.

1:05 – Shreya mentions that some MassJCL students were disrupting the wedding that was taking place at that time, which is something that the hotel personnel may consider when booking in MassJCL for an event.

1:06 – Hanna brings up the issue of people allegedly becoming sick after ingesting the food from Sturbridge. Ms. Sinacola doubts the integrity of this complaint because of the large amount of people that did not get sick from the food.

1:07 – Ms. Sinacola acknowledges the problem with dinners at Sturbridge, in which many attendees were prevented from sitting with their friends since the food was already laid out and they may have arrived later due to a competition. Thus, the dinners next year will be done in a buffet format.

1:08 – Ms. Nelson mentions the inquiries into a local high school as a potential Olympika venue. Ms. Sinacola affirms this. Hanna brings up another concern about Sturbridge, which is the toga parade. The toga parade was not able to be conducted properly, namely in that there was not enough room for the chapters to walk around.

1:09 – The parking lot was also completely full at the time, which Ms. Sinacola believes was an impediment to convention activities. Hanna brings up the question of where the General Assemblies will take place. The general sentiment is that they should be held in the exhibit hall. The room that was used for the third General Assembly could be repurposed as the graphic arts room. Hanna thinks that the testing should be moved to various rooms throughout the hotel; the more heavily focused test takers could occupy a large room, while other testers could be placed in smaller rooms. The karaoke on Friday night was in a room next to the American Grill, while “That’s Entertainment” auditions were in the restaurant itself.

1:13 – Rachel has concerns about where spirit props can be kept at Sturbridge. Hanna assures her that she could viably keep them in the hotel rooms that belong to the people in her chapter and perhaps even distribute them to all of the chapter’s members before spirit occurrences. Rachel is planning to make signs pointing out the locations of the various delegations for the purpose of spirit.

1:17 – Ms. Nelson explains that storage was an issue after people had signed out of their hotel rooms. Hanna says that if there are other people, MassJCL has to make its intentions clear.

1:19 – Evan expresses his appreciation of the venue for the Saturday night dance at Sturbridge, which is where the final General Assembly was held. Ms. Fillion thinks that although Sturbridge has its own problems, it is more fair for the Western Massachusetts schools, as far as transportation is concerned, and is nevertheless a suitable place to hold convention.

1:20 – Francesca mentions that when the SCLers were trying to do “That’s Entertainment” at Sturbridge, there was no official person to handle the audio. Hanna says that she will train people to do this for next year.

1:21 – Will voices a complaint that the stage at Sturbridge was extremely unstable. The dancers were unable use the stage, but were instead forced to use the floor, which prevented many people from seeing them.

1:22 – The stage was a serious safety concern. Ms. Fillion suggests speaking to the Sturbridge personnel about this, although there may not be much that they can do about it.

1:23 – Rachel thinks that a stage may not be necessary at all, should the audience be further back. She thinks that working with this idea is better than working with the unreliable stage. Will jokes about purchasing a new stage.

1:24 – Ms. Fillion states that there will not be gladiator games at Sturbridge. Ms. Sinacola suggest holding them outside, but Hanna this would be a liability due to a lack of chaperones. Hannah mentions that the manuscript club at the College of the Holy Cross could come to State Convention in order to teach JCLers. Such an activity could be in the place of the gladiator games.

1:26 – Rachel suggest moving gladiator games to Kick-Off. Ms. Fillion states that the supplies for gladiator games may not be available at that time and place. Hugh says that Pembroke High School has a gladiator club, and although they may not do exactly what is done at State Convention, they will most likely have the supplies for gladiator games. The idea of having workshops in the place of gladiator games is deliberated; Ms. Fillion says that the sponsors should be clearly notified of what these workshops will encompass, and where they will be.

1:29 – Shreya suggests conducting Project Linus, which was done at National Convention. Others believe that this may be too complex to be done as a one-day activity at State Convention, so an activity such as Letters to Soldiers may be the only option.

1:31 – Will mention that Christina Yee, the BLSJCL Community Service Czar, did Cards for Hospitalized Children as a community service project, which turned out to be very successful.

1:32 – Ms. Sinacola says that since officers will be busy during convention, a Holy Cross manuscript club hands-on activity would be more suitable than workshops. She also believes that Impromptu Art should be divided into two sessions. Hanna thinks that some officer workshops at State Convention would be good, but officers have Classics Day to do this as well, and thus it should not be a priority for convention. Veena asks if the State Chairs have anything more to say. Ms. Sinacola reminds the officers to be proactive and warn their parents about board meetings in advance so that no conflicts arise.

1:35 – Ms. Fillion brings up subsidies once again, as well as the budget for National Convention spirit props.

SCL Report:

1:39 – Francesca gives the SCL report. She explains that the three main facets of convention that the SCLers are responsible for are Registration, Certamen, and “That’s Entertainment”. There was a lack of SCLers to completely moderate every Certamen round. Additionally, there were also too many “floating chaperones”, who thought that they had their “floating” time off, when

they were in fact needed for help. It may be a good rule in the future for all chaperones without a task to immediately report to “The Cave”.

1:41 – Ms. Luong says that there was a lack of buzzer machines and not enough rooms. This was partially due to a large amount of novice teams that participated this year. Francesca attributes the lack of SCLers to their commitment to studying for exams during that particular weekend. Ms. Luong says that there was not actually a lack of SCLers, but a large amount of things that had to be managed and the absence of adequate chaperone help.

1:43 – Francesca states that there needs to be a better way for chaperones to sign up for State Convention volunteering in order to loosen the burden of running the event for SCLers. There also should be some sort of instant-communication between SCLers. Ted Atkinson was talking about using a program that allows one person to send out messages to a group of people and then receive individual responses from those people.

1:44 – Since internet connection will not be a problem at Sturbridge, Ted’s idea may prove to be very effective. Francesca once again brings up the idea of having “floating chaperones” report to the cave, which is agreed to be a good idea.

1:47 – Francesca says that registration may have been sent out a little too late. On the point of registration, she has learned from other states that having registered events on attendees’ name tags could be beneficial for identifying competition conflicts.

1:49 – Shreya talks about the idea of only having contest registration (for anything besides academic testing) at State Convention itself, rather than in the online portion of registration. Hanna agrees with this; she thinks that removing the redundancy of registration could make the process much easier.

1:52 – Hanna suggests the idea of having online registration at State Convention, in which an attendee would show their nametags to people at computers, who would then enter the attendee’s registered events into the computer. Will says that this did not work very well for Impromptu Art at National Convention.

1:53 – Francesca asks if the SCLers can attend the chaperone and sponsor meeting. Ms. Fillion says that they can if they want to. Francesca suggests that the SCL may just send a few representatives to the meeting.

1:55 – Ms. Nelson says that the SCLers could take pictures of themselves in order to introduce them to the sponsors and chaperones. There could also be a video during the first General Assembly for the purpose of introducing the SCLers.

1:56 – Francesca says that at some points the SCLers did not have the General Assembly scripts. This caused situations such as when Francesca had to go onto the stage in place of Michael Howard. Francesca ascertains that the SCLers are happy to help with specific pre-convention tasks.

2:00 – Hanna departs. Ms. Fillion brings up the fact that MassJCL still owes the SCLers money.

2:02 – Francesca states that when assigning the event chairs, the SCLers are going to make sure to assign people that shows regular attendance to State Convention. Ms. Sinicola asks why State

Convention information cannot be sent out in December, suggesting that it in fact should be sent at that time. She also believes that convention registration should also occur at an earlier date.

National Convention Spirit and Miscellaneous Matters:

2:04 – Rachel talks about spirit at Nation Convention. Unfortunately, this particular deliberation is **CONFIDENTIAL**.

2:30 – Ms. Fillion asks if the September Mailing Packet will actually be sent out this year, which is a process that consumes a fair amount of resources. There is not a final decision about this. Ms. Fillion also speaks about finding the addresses of the various teachers in MassJCL, a task which has not met great success as of yet.

2:34 – Ms. Fillion shifts the topic of conversation to the date and time of the July board meeting. The possible dates are narrowed down to July 2nd, 9th, and 16th. July 16th is chosen as the tentative date of the next meeting. The meeting will last from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. It will definitely be held at Northborough Public Library again.

2:42 – Shreya asks Veena when the Adobe Suite will be available. Veena tells Shreya that is already is available, and that she will send the information soon.

2:43 – Veena motions to adjourn the meeting, and the gavel makes contact with the table, the meeting reaches its conclusion.

II. Conclusion of Meeting

2:43 PM

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Duration:

4 Hours and 57 Minutes

Summary:

The first topic that the attendees of the board meeting discussed was the issue of media disclosure. Following that, Linda was contacted through Skype and she gave her recap of State Convention. Before officer reports began, the meeting attendees rearranged the rules for certain State Convention contest categories in order to remove the percentage scale pertaining to graphic arts. Afterwards, the officers gave their reports, which was followed by lunch. After lunch, the State Chairs gave their report and Francesca gave the SCL report. Rachel, the Second Vice President, spoke about spirit at National Convention. The date, time, and place of the next board meeting were determined before the meeting was officially adjourned.

Lessons Learned/Reflection:

- Subjects such as media disclosure are important and should not be ignored. MassJCL needs to be accountable for this matter.

- The chaperones at State Convention need to be better informed of the tasks that they are responsible for in order remove burden from the shoulders of the SCLers.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- ❑ National Convention Spirit Party ----- *June 25, 2016*
- ❑ Next MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *July 16, 2016*
- ❑ NJCL Convention ----- *July 25 to 30, 2016*
- ❑ Classics Day ----- *December 1, 2016*
- ❑ MassJCL State Convention ----- *April 7 to 9, 2017*

Entertaining Latin Quote:

“Nam divitiarum et formae gloria fluxa atque fragilis est, virtus clara aeternaque habetur.”

“For the fame of riches and beauty is fickle and frail, while virtue is eternally excellent.”

**– Gaius Sallustius Crispus, *Bellum Catilinae*
(Written when he was likely embezzling
money as the governor of Africa Nova)**

Insightful Non-Latin Literature Quote:

“We sometimes encounter people, even perfect strangers, who begin to interest us at first sight, somehow suddenly, all at once, before a word has been spoken.”

– Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *Crime and Punishment*

Minutes by Zhaoyang (Tim) Liu