

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES REGARDING THE THIRD MEETING
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AUGUST 13, 2016
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Dramatis Personae

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

State Chairs:

Janet Fillion		BLA
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Regrets:

Tamara Bauer	State Chair	BLS
Catherine Foley	State Chair	BLS
Anusha Kulkarni	First Vice President	AMSA
Viet Luong	State Chair	BLA
Kayla Riker	Treasurer	BLS
Nancy Sinacola	State Chair	St. Bernard's

Guests:

Ryan Browne	BLACC Second Vice President	BLA
Jamie Doyle	BLSJCL Tetrarch	BLS
Anushree Iyengar	AMSAJCL President	AMSA

Highlights:

1. The National Convention Recap was conducted. Will mentions the media that he has created regarding the convention. (See Minutes 11:11 to 11:25)
2. The officers gave their reports. The most noteworthy occurrence was the establishment of a new MassJCL Street Certamen event in February. (See Minutes 11:26 to 1:14)

3. Ms. Fillion gave the State Chairs' report, which was followed by the establishment of new State Convention contest deadlines and the movement of the October 8th meeting to September 17th. (See Minutes 1:22 to 2:00)

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting

11:11 AM

National Convention Recap:

11:11 – The meeting starts with a National Convention recap. Rachel states that Ms. Nelson has possession of the spirit props. Will made a National Convention video and took many photographs, the latter of which can be viewed on Facebook. The video has 250 views on YouTube and may be submitted for the promotional video contest. He is also working on a miniature National Convention scrapbook; this will be done by around the beginning of the school year. Additionally, Will has created an official MassJCL Flickr account. It is official and will be passed down to future historians. The photographs from National Convention have been posted there. Will will try to post previous photographs on there as well. After Ms. Fillion's inquiry of the organization of Flickr, Will explains that there will be various albums on the Flickr account for each event/period of time. There is a specific way to search for images on Flickr; however, this can be difficult at times. Will believes that the media release forms should explain that photographs will be posted online. He will have to take close note of who can and cannot be photographed. If he gets an email from a parent stating that they no longer want their child's photographs to online, he can take them down and note this change for the future. The new scrapbook rubric will be ready for placement in the contest booklet. Ms. Fillion says that the contest booklet should be done as soon as possible. Shreya points out that although everyone has a copy of last year's booklet, nobody has a copy that can be edited.

Officer Reports:

11:26 – Will reads Evan's officer report, which has been sent through email. Evan has started working on the website the previous night. Ms. Fillion states that the new website should be up and running at the earliest convenience. It is mentioned that Evam was told not to edit the currently online version of the website by Anushree. Shreya suggests that he can update Anushree's old format for now until he is ready to implement his own version. Evan would like for any important PDFs and auxiliary documents to be on the website. He also plans to create a section dedicated to archiving the publications instead of an individual pictures subsection. Shreya mentions that she has received an ample amount of previous documents from Amol Punjabi. These documents go back to 2002.

11:33 – Will gives his report. He reiterates what he said during the National Convention recap. He talked with Eric Wang, the NJCL Historian, about the national scrapbook, which will be done with the incorporation of Flickr.

11:34 – Shreya gives her report. She has released the first issue of the *Forum Factorum*. She is working on the National Convention publication. It is looking as if most of the articles will be from BLS and BLA. Ms. Fillion doesn't think this is a problem, as most of the Massachusetts delegation at National Convention consisted of people from those schools. Ryan might be able to get an article from a student from Pembroke. Shreya will be getting a first convention article, a senior article, and certamen reports. She also mentions that Michael Phelps beat a 2,000 year old Olympic record. Shreya thinks that she could write a classically themed article based off of this. The stationary is ready to be released. Shreya made an online blog in order to encourage submissions into the publications contest. She is in the process of putting instructions on the website. There is also a page where users can submit their own art and ideas. Finally, Shreya states that the page counts of her publications will be in multiples of four. Ms. Fillion says that the stationary and "FF" need to be ready by September.

11:45 – Hugh gives his report. Ms. Fillion tells Hugh that he will have to look through the old Minutes to find the wording for the amendment (regarding the necessity of at least one prior year of experience on the MassJCL board to run for President) that he needs to add to the Constitution. Shreya finds it and reads it out loud.

11:52 – Jamie tries to contact Kayla. For her report, she says that she will read the Minutes and continue updating the treasury. Ms. Fillion reads off the amount of funds currently available to MassJCL.

11:53 – Tim gives his report. He asks if the deliberations of the NJCL office candidates, which are currently omitted from the fellowship Minutes, should instead be kept in the Minutes. The board thinks that this does not need to be included. Tim also mentions that the fellowship Minutes are generally for the private viewing of the board and State Chairs.

11:58 – Anusha gave her report to Veena, who reads it out loud. Anusha has acquired eleven speakers for Classics Day, two of which can do both sessions. She wants sixteen speakers by the end of August. Ms. Fillion believes that Anusha should consult with her as soon as possible. She has had conflicts with all previous board meetings, so such a conference has not yet occurred. Evan arrives at high noon. Ms. Fillion thinks that Anusha should be reaching out for help. The deadline for the schedule is in September. Anusha's target for the amount of attendees is 700 people. There should be a flyer for the event in the September mailing packet. Ms. Fillion says that Anusha is responsible for making the invitations to the teachers.

12:04 – Rachel gives her report. She brings up the idea of inviting J.K. Rowling, which Will confirms is an impossibility. However, it may still be possible to receive a statement from her. Rachel wants to release a list of community service events based off of each semester. The event in September will be a "flashcard frenzy". Students involved will make educational flashcards for their school or other schools. Rachel proposes Project Linus for November, but Ms. Fillion believes that this will be too expensive. The December project will be cards to hospitalized kids. January will involve letters to soldiers. There will be no project for February. The March Project will be a clothing drive. Will suggests an art material donation. The board agrees that this can go

towards Impromptu art materials, and that donations will be accepted at State Convention. Rachel mentions that she is in charge of the State Banner, an item which she has never before seen. Ms. Fillion says that Bauer has possession of it but forgot to bring it to National Convention. Rachel now speaks about spirit cheers. There should be a cheer writing contest at State Convention to gather a multitude of potential new cheers for National Convention. The goal of the contests is to gather more cheers, not try to find a best submission. Rachel addresses the National Convention roll call skit, which was not performed because it was submitted late. In the future it should be done before National Convention to avoid the same mishap. The top schools for roll call at State Convention should be responsible for the National Convention roll call skit. However, Ms. Fillion suggests a contest specifically regarding the writing of the National Convention skit. Rachel suggests a deadline of midnight on the Friday of convention. Rachel now brings up the dance marathon idea. It involves people pledging money per hour of dancing that an individual does. Will suggests a charity Certamen event. This idea seems to be much more agreeable to the MassJCL populace than a dance marathon. Each team could have a sponsor to pledge for them. Ms. Fillion doesn't think that this needs to be monetized. The only fee should be one for registration, which could possibly go to both charity and custodial services. Anushree suggests that Street Certamen questions should be used instead of regular Certamen questions. She thinks that question writing should be open to anyone that desires to do so. Shreya says that the Street Certamen event could take place in AMSA. Rachel says that community service binders for the State Convention contest will now be submitted through google drive instead of physically. There will be a Google Drive folder with subfolders for each school. The next topic is Coin Wars. Will says that after talking with previous board members, he found out that having Coin Wars begin at Kick-Off does not seem to work. Thus, it should start at Classics Day instead. It can be mentioned at Kick-Off, but not executed at that time.

1:11 – Since Evan is now at the meeting, he gives a short report, saying that most of what he wished to address was in his email, and that he plans on adding a dates section to the website.

1:14 – Veena gives her report. She says that she has had issues booking *Praetoria* for the proposed weekend dates. She also thinks that chapters should not be allowed to send the same people they sent to the previous *Praetoria*. As far as the September mailing packet is concerned, Veena is currently trying to get Certamen dates from Mr. Howard. There are some additional dates that have not yet been confirmed. Ms. Fillion says that by the time the mail is sent out, the State Convention contest handbook should be on the website, and that a link should be included with the mail.

State Chairs' Report:

1:22 – Ms. Fillion gives her report, as she is the only State Chair present. She is afraid that some sponsors may not correctly execute the distribution of the media release forms. The latest time at which Hugh will accept constitutional amendments is January 21st. He must send out all constitutional amendments to sponsors by March 1st. Will reminds the board that the new limit

on the amount new graphic arts submissions at State Convention should be relayed through the contest booklet and to sponsors. The April 1st pre-convention contest submission deadline is agreed to be moved to March 10th. The new digital scrapbook contest and the community outreach and service contest deadlines will be moved to that date as well. Rachel reminds the board that she will be recording the whole school contest results throughout the year. Ms. Fillion says that Rachel should add the schools to the list as they begin to participate in said contests. The October 8th board meeting is moved to September 17th. Finally, the meeting is adjourned.

II. Conclusion of Meeting

2:00 PM

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Duration:

2 Hours and 49 Minutes

Summary:

The meeting began with a recap of National Convention. Next, the officers gave their reports. Following that, Ms. Fillion gave the State Chairs' report. The final occurrence of the meeting was the establishment of new dates and deadlines.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *September 17, 2016*
- Kick-Off ----- *October, 2016*
- Praetoria ----- *November 12, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *November 19, 2016*
- Classics Day ----- *December 1, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *January 28, 2017*
- January MassJCL Board Meeting Snow Date ----- *February 4, 2016*
- Street Certamen Event ----- *February, 2016*
- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *March 18, 2016*
- MassJCL State Convention ----- *April 7 to 9, 2017*

Entertaining Latin Quote:

"Cantabit vacuus coram latrone viator."

"The traveller with empty pockets will sing in the thief's face."

– **Decimus Iunius Iuvenalis, *Satire X*, Line 22**

Insightful Literature Quote:

“Do you understand, sir, do you understand what it means when you have absolutely nowhere to turn?’ Marmeladov’s question came suddenly into his mind ‘for every man must have somewhere to turn...’”

– Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *Crime and Punishment*

Minutes by Zhaoyang (Tim) Liu