

MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES REGARDING THE THIRD MEETING
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Dramatis Personae

Board Members:

Veena Lagare	President	BLA
Anusha Kulkarni	First Vice President	AMSA
Tim Liu	Secretary	BLS
Kayla Riker	Treasurer	BLS
Hugh Sanford	Parliamentarian	MTG
Shreya Murthy	Publications Editor	AMSA
Will Burnett	Historian	BLS

State Chairs:

Tamara Bauer		BLS
Janet Fillion		BLA
Nancy Sinacola		St. Bernard's

Regrets:

Rachel Bisson	Second Vice President	MTG
Catherine Foley	State Chair	BLS
Viet Luong	State Chair	BLA
Evan Tipping	Technical Coordinator	RT

Guests:

Ryan Browne	BLACC Second Vice President	BLA
Carina Layfield	BLS Parliamentarian	BLS
Malika Cruickshank	BLACC First Vice President	BLA
Vikiana Petit-Homme		BLA

Highlights:

1. The officers gave their reports. Evan provided details about the progress of the website. Will gave information about the post-National Convention scrapbook and the contest handbook. Shreya spoke about the next issue of the *Forum Factorum* and the progress of her blog. Hugh has sent the updated constitution in PDF form to Evan. Kayla offered statistics about MassJCL funds and Ms. Bauer mentions the MassJCL "AmazonSmile"

account. Hugh relayed couple of questions from Rachel. Anusha gave details about Classics Day and Veena did the same for *Praetoria*. (See Minutes 10:21 to 11:43)

2. The State Chairs gave their report. Ms. Bauer talks about depositing checks and brings up “AmazonSmile” again. (See Minutes 11:44 to 11:49)
3. Preparations were made for Kick-Off. The gymnasium was decided to be the replacement for the auditorium and the board settled upon the details of the day’s various activities. (See Minutes 11:50 to 12:49)
4. The details of *Praetoria* decided upon. The schedule, as well as who would manage each part of it, was discussed. (See Minutes 12:50 to 1:38)

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting

10:21 AM

Officer Reports:

10:21 – Veena reads Evan’s officer report, which has been sent through email. He has been working on the website but has not made too much progress. He asks for input about the design of his website and is in need of various essential documents. Ms. Fillion believes that webmasters can change the visual design of the website from year to year yet still keep the fundamental structure. Kayla thinks that the constitution should be on the website for the perusal of those that wish to run for state office. Ms. Fillion states that the contest booklet, constitution, and registration forms are mandatory documents for the website. Ms. Sinacola thinks that the website should contain a description of what MassJCL is and a specific registration page. There is also an issue in which the Publications tab contains Minutes. The final thing that Ms. Sinacola suggests is an upcoming events section.

10:33 – Will gives his report. He is working on the post-National Convention scrapbook and the contest booklet. He has the program for editing the contest handbook, so he will be the one responsible for making any small changes to it. He is adding the community service projects section, rectifying contest rules, and adding the new deadlines. Ms. Fillion tells Will that the wreath on the stationary needs to be purple instead of black. Will is hoping to finish his scrapbook guide by January.

10:37 – Shreya gives her report. She is almost done with the next issue of the *Forum Factorum*, although she is in the need of a couple more articles. Additionally, her Publications Editor blog has been positively received, and is linked to Facebook.. She is in the process for putting together instructional materials for making publications, which will be available at Kick-Off. Shreya will be sending out a new publications rubric for the purpose of enriching the knowledge of chapter editors. Ms. Fillion says that the old printing press on which the *Forum Factorum* was printed is no longer in business, and that she will be looking around the area for a suitable replacement.

10:45 – Hugh gives his report. He has sent Evan the PDFs for the updated constitution. Next, he direct a question from Rachel to the AMSA board members. She is wondering about AMSA’s availability for the planned Street Certamen event. Shreya says that there is currently a certain

amount of turmoil in AMSA due to various changes, and as a result, this may not be sorted out very soon.

10:50 – Kayla gives her report. She provides statistics about the funds currently available to MassJCL. In total there is approximately 2,900 dollars in the bank, including any funds gathered from National Convention. Ms. Bauer brings up the “AmazonSmile” account for MassJCL that Allyson that previously attempted to create although there was some confusion. There was some confusion regarding this so it was never fully implemented. However, Ms. Bauer has ironed the matter out and thus the service will be now available. She thinks that MassJCL should start to publicize this. MS. Fillion says he isn’t sure whether the domain owner would want such a service advertised on the MassJCL website. Shreya suggests the MassJCL Facebook page to advertise this instead. “AmazonSmile” allows for a small percentage of an Amazon purchase to be donated to a charitable organization.

10:55 – The attendees of the meeting arrange the details for lunch. Hugh has another question from Rachel. She says that she has not received any responses from the creators of the shirts that were going to be sold at National Convention, but were not due to their absence.

The board does not have any information regarding this.

11:05 – Tim does not provide a report as he has no new updates.

11:06 – Anusha gives her report. She has sent out the list of Classics Day speakers to Ms. Kelly from Boston University and is currently in the process of asking the speakers about whether or not they need audio and video service. She needs a list of attendees and their lunch options by November 14th. Ms. Fillion says that the transportation information needs to be gathered. Introductory letters and registration information should be shown to the state chairs before being sent out. Additionally, Anusha should record any known workshop topics. Ms. Fillion says that the labels need to be picked up from Boston University and Shreya volunteers to retrieve them since she will be attending the Boston Elite Certamen tournament the following week. There can only be three sheets of paper per letter for one stamp, so Ms. Fillion suggests that only one letter should be sent out to BLS and BLA. The contents of the letter can then be copied and distributed to the various teachers from those schools, which would save money towards the cost of stamps.

11:23 – Hugh gives Rachel’s report, saying that Rachel does not have anything new to say except for what Hugh has already stated.

11:24 – Veena gives her report. She confirms that she has reserved the date for *Praetoria*, which is November 12th. The event will be running from 9 AM to 3 PM. The College of the Holy Cross will once again provide the food. It is decided that the food order will be the same as last year, as it was quite delicious. Veena will start writing letters to sponsors and local Presidents, which will go into mailing packets. She will also create the registration forms. Ms. Sinacola likes the fact that people from the same school were split into different groups at the previous *Praetoria*, and believes that it should be done again. Shreya proposes that three delegates (with a minimum of two) from one particular school should be able to attend *Praetoria*. However, it is agreed upon that two people should be the limit, even though the payments from additional

people would outweigh the cost of having them. Two people from each school would be less chaotic to manage.

11:39 – *Prandium venit.*

State Chairs' Report:

11:44 – Ms. Bauer will be depositing checks once payments are settled and is working closely with Kayla. Aside from the “AmazonSmile”, she does not have much more to report on. Hugh suggests giving community service points for using “AmazonSmile”. However, Shreya proposes that publicizing “AmazonSmile” could instead garner points since Ms. Bauer stated that there is no way to track the purchases. This would go under the social media category. Ms. Sinacola needs the tax information from Ms. Fillion.

Kick-Off Preparation:

11:50 – Will asks about whether or not the date for Kick-Off has been secured to October 22nd. Hugh says that it should be reserved. In the case that Mount Greylock attempts to issue standardized testing on that day, then Hugh and Rachel can remind them that the 22nd has already been reserved.

11:51 – Shreya has written almost everything for the Berkshire Bowl, except for the Harry Potter questions. Shreya will be the moderator. Veena, Kayla, and Anusha will be the judges of any performances. Tim will be the scorekeeper. Hugh will manage the buzzer. The players in the Berkshire Bowl will be teachers, who can sign up through a registration flyer. If SCLers are present there may be a JCLer team. The JCL backup team could consist of Will, Rachel, Evan, and another JCLer.

12:02 – Ms. Fillion wonders what events in the morning will follow the Berkshire Bowl. The marshmallow catapult judging will occur only once in the morning. Pumpkin painting will be available again. Ms. Bauer has already sorted out the pumpkin situation with Mount Greylock. The officer workshops will be after lunch. Ms. Sinacola thinks that there should be less workshops since *Praetoria* is so close. She begins to create a schedule, and thus needs to know who will be conducting which workshops. Hugh, Will, and Shreya will be hosting workshops. Will is curious as to how the cafeteria will work for a presentation space since the auditorium is unavailable. It is decided that there will be no skit since the cafeteria is being used, but there remains the question of how the Berkshire Bowl will work. Hugh also mentions a gymnasium that could be used for this, with the advantage of bleachers. The board agrees to use the gymnasium as a permanent replacement for the auditorium. Hugh will try to reserve it. Ms. Fillion wonders where the registration will be held; Hugh says that there is a lobby outside of the cafeteria that can lead to the gym.

12:15 – Ms. Sinacola confirms details for parts of the schedule. Pumpkin painting will remain in the cafeteria. There should be at least one or two officers watching the worm contest. There will be three officer workshops: a Harry Potter workshop, a Publications Editor workshop, and a Historian workshop. Shreya suggests moving the Harry Potter workshop to the morning as it would be a good introduction, with the additional benefit of giving more leeway in the afternoon.

Will and Shreya can do their workshops while the other officers monitor the worm and the hula hoop stations. Tim will be the runner in case certain items need to be acquired. Kayla look over the pumpkin painting. Hugh explains his workshop to Ms. Sinacola. He will speak about why J.K. Rowling chose Mount Greylock as the site of her fictional American witchcraft and wizardry school, the Latin language and Greek mythology influences in Harry Potter, and other classical influences on the book series.

12:36 – Ms. Sinacola wishes to sort out the details of the afternoon. Veena volunteers to manage the worm contest. Evan and Rachel can help out wherever help is necessary. All of the officers will assist with the catapult firing. Tim will continue to be the runner. Ms. Sinacola wonders how many classrooms are available, and Hugh responds by saying that nothing has changed regarding this. Carina and Ryan volunteer to write novice and intermediate Certamen questions for the scrimmages. Ms. Sinacola asserts that these questions should be simplistic in order to encourage new Certamen players. Shreya thinks that she can recruit AMSA students to write advanced questions

12:42 – Will says that since Jamie Doyle from BLS is bringing the catapult, he could also bring the raised platforms/stages from BLS theater. He will contact Jamie to see if this is possible. Ms. Sinacola wants the Certamen questions by October 8th. She and Will will be working on the program for the event.

Praetoria Preparation:

12:50 – Veena still needs more informations regarding *Praetoria*. There will be shirts made for the event once again. There is also the prospect of assembling the binders for the attendees.

12:54 – Tim mentions that the *Praetoria* schedule and details still need to be discussed. Veena say that she needs a page from each officer describing their respective office. Officers should arrive at *Praetoria* by 8 AM. Will will be responsible for the t-shirts, which will be dealt with at a later time. He also asks if binders will be given to the attendees, to which Veena replies that folders will most likely be used instead. Tim suggests that report covers could be used instead of binders. Shreya reads aloud the *Praetoria* schedule from last year. Ms. Bauer thinks that Allyson Ping could help with managing the event. Shreya asks if the timing of schedule should be changed. Veena thinks that it should stay the same. The presentation needs to be worked on; it does not need to be overhauled but only updated. Ms. Sinacola recommends the board to seek feedback on the previous *Praetoria* from Linda and Allyson, who could be Veena’s advisor for *Praetoria*. Veena has asked professor Timothy to give a talk to the attendees along with the opening “hello” speech.

1:06 – Shreya goes though who will handle what part of the schedule. Veena will do the “hello” speech. The board will need to figure out what the “icebreaker” activity will be. Rachel will lead the spirit lecture. All debriefings will be in the officer led groups. The fundraising lecture will be led by Kayla and Anusha. For lunch each officer will be assigned a group to sit with. “Legionary Ranks” (how elections work) will be led by Hugh , and each individual officer will speak about their own campaign. The board members will conduct the officer workshops in pairs. The spirit lecture in the morning will be replaced by State Convention lecture. As a result, the spirit lecture

will be incorporated into the publicity and service section. Anusha departs at 1:15 PM. There needs to be a new theme for the mock election. It is decided upon that this will be discussed later. Jeopardy will be done along with the final debriefing during “Wartime”. The “Night at the Museum” activity will be done at some point during the day. Will says that he has successfully contacted Allyson and that she agreed to help. Her first question is about the budget. The state chairs confirm that money will be charged for lunch, but nothing else. Allyson does not know what the exact budget of the previous *Praetoria* was. However, after conducting some research, Kayla and Ms. Fillion found that *Praetoria* was quite expensive. Thus, there should be less expenditure this year. Ms. Bauer mentions a problem with the meals of those that signed up for but did not show up at *Praetoria*. The college charged full price for these meals, yet they were not utilized. Ms. Fillion says that when people sign up for the event, they should be notified that attendance is a commitment. Kayla departs at 1:36 PM.

1:38 – The meeting is prematurely adjourned.

II. Conclusion of Meeting

1:38 PM

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Duration:

3 Hours and 17 Minutes

Summary:

The officers gave their reports, followed by the state chairs giving theirs. Afterwards, the logistic of both Kick-Off and *Praetoria* discussed.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- Kick-Off ----- *October 22, 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:

“In hoc enim fallimur, quod mortem prospicimus: magna pars eius iam praeterit; quidquid aetatis retro est mors tenet.”

“For we are mistaken when we look forward to death; the major portion of death has already passed. Whatever years be behind us are in death's hands.”

– **Lucius Annaeus Seneca**, *Epistulae Morales ad Lucilium*, Epistula Prima

Insightful Literature Quote:

“*Laughter is sunshine, it chases winter from the human face.*”

– **Victor Hugo**, *Les Misérables*

Minutes by Zhaoyang (Tim) Liu