

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting
Held Saturday, January 27th, 2007 at the Lunenburg Public Library

In Attendance:

Executive Board Members:

Vanessa Durand, President 2006-2007

Carissa Williams, Second Vice President 2006-2007

Grace Laidlaw, Secretary 2006-2007

Rebecca Gwaltney, Treasurer 2006-2007

Kerri Bisaga, Newsletter Editor 2006-2007

Audane Leger, Parliamentarian 2006-2007

Michaela Reif, Historian 2006-2007

State Chairs/Sponsors:

Janet Fillion (Boston Latin Academy)

Marjorie Keeley (Mt. Greylock Regional High School)

Guests:

Maria Centeio (Boston Latin Academy)e4

Jared Hicks (Boston Latin Academy)

Paula Luong (Boston Latin Academy)

Jacob Meister (Boston Latin School)

David Rosenthal (Mt. Greylock Regional High School)

Minutes:

10:20- Vanessa calls the meeting to order.

10:21- Vanessa asks for officer reports. Michaella gives an overview of her plans for the scrapbook. She has not yet decided on the theme, but the book will be wooden and we'll include a page for each school.

10:22- The board discusses ideas for the scrapbook, including zodiac signs and constellations as a possible motif.

10:27- Becca gives the treasurer's report. There are approximately \$8,500 in the MassJCL account. However, this amount will shrink to around \$4,500 once we have paid Boston University for the use of their facilities at this year's Classics Day.

10:28- Vanessa gives the president's report. She has been busy revising and re-revising the rules packet for this year's Convention.

10:28- Audane gives the parliamentarian's report. She has prepared a list of possible amendments to the MassJCL Constitution, to be voted upon at this year's Convention, for review by the board.

10:28- Kerri gives the editor's report. She has started work on the next issue of the *Forum Factorum*, which will include articles about Classics Day and the upcoming semi-formal. She proposes distributing copies of the *Forum* at Convention in order to save money on postage.

10:29- Vanessa asks for volunteers to help with organizing this year's semi-formal.

10:29- Ms. Keeley gives the co-chair's report. She has been working on filing the MassJCL tax forms for this year. She has found a firm willing to give the JCL a discount on their tax filing services.

10:36- Ms. Fillion gives the next co-chair's report. She is working on organizing a Certamen scrimmage at BLA, which is scheduled for January 31st. She is also encouraging sponsors to register for State Convention via e-mail.

10:37- Rebecca moves to accept the officer reports. Carissa seconds, and the motion passes.

10:40- Ms. Fillion describes an idea from BLA for the T-shirt competition. The shirt would commemorate the Boston Tea Party with the motto "Tea's the Bay" (a play on "carpe diem"/"seize the day").

10:45- The board takes a brief break so that all board members can introduce themselves for the benefit of guests.

10:55- Vanessa reviews the plans for the dance. Over sixty people have pre-registered, and the contract for the location has been signed.

11:00- The board discusses T-shirt contest entries.

11:05- The board approves the BLA T-shirt contest submission.

11:06- The board begins discussing final revisions for the State Convention packet. Ms. Fillion suggests adding a note informing delegates that the complete theme of Convention is not just “carpe diem” (“seize the day”), but “carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero” (“seize the day, trusting as little as possible in tomorrow”).

11:10- The board suggests changes to the welcome letter at the beginning of the Convention packet.

11:15- The board discusses the registration information given in the packet and decides to add a note stating that no refunds will be given for registration cancellations received after March 25th.

11:25- The board continues discussing changes to the packet. Several changes to the wording of the Convention Rules and Regulations section are made.

12:07- The board begins discussing the Whole School Contests section of the packet.

12:17- The board reviews the tentative schedule for Convention. Stars are added next to each mandatory event.

12:22- The board discusses the toga parade and the toga parade pledge competition. It is decided that all donations must be turned in along with registration for the pledge contest (several hours before the parade).

12:35- The board reviews other Convention issues, including dress code regulations and the supervision of delegates while in the hotel.

12:40- The board breaks for lunch.

1:13- The board re-adjourns and discusses proposed amendments to the MassJCL Constitution. Audane explains that several articles are being altered because of grammatical mistakes. A provision is added to a proposed amendment concerning candidates for national office. The revised amendment would require candidates to hold a MassJCL state office before running for a position on the NJCL board.

1:30- The board adds another proposal to the list of amendments. The new amendment would allow pre-filed candidates running for contested offices to switch offices before the election in the event that there is an open office.

1:45- The board strikes a proposed amendment that would change the number of voting delegates per school at Convention from four to two.

1:55- The board approves each of the other amendment proposals for consideration at State Convention.

1:56- The board votes to approve Carissa's running for NJCL parliamentarian.

1:57- The next board meeting is set for Sunday, March 4th at UMass Amherst.

1:58- The meeting is adjourned.