

MassJCL Executive Board Meeting—Minutes

Sunday, August 20th, 2006

Officers in Attendance:

- Vanessa Durand, Mass JCL President (06'-07'), Boston Latin Academy
- Charlie Burke, Mass JCL 1st Vice President (06'-07'), Milton High School
- Carissa Williams, Mass JCL 2nd Vice President (06'-07'), Lunenburg High School
- Rebecca Gwaltney, Mass JCL Treasurer (06'-07'), Notre Dame Academy
- Audane Leger, Mass JCL Parliamentarian (06'-07'), Boston Latin Academy
- Michaella Reif, Mass JCL Historian (06'-07'), Lunenburg High School
- Kerri Bisaga, Mass JCL Publications Editor (06'-07'), Boston Latin Academy

Guests in Attendance:

- Ms. Victoria Miklosky, Barnstable HS
- Ms. Tamara Bauer, Pierce MS
- Ms. Tamara Yourk, Turkey Hill MS
- Ms. Janet Fillion, Boston Latin Academy
- Mark McNally, Catholic Memorial
- Jacob Meister, Boston Latin School

MINUTES

10:55 AM—Vanessa calls the meeting to order.

10:55 AM—Ms. Bauer, a recently retired state chair, tells the board that she is a liaison between the MassJCL and the Massachusetts Classics Association.

10:56 AM—Kerri Biasga, MassJCL Publications Editor, gives her report.

- She has assembled articles for the September issue of the Forum Factorum, with plenty of articles and volunteers to write about their experiences at this year's past Nationals.

10:56 AM—Ms. Fillion hands out a select number of stationery for each state officer.

10:57 AM—The Treasurer's report is given by Ms. Fillion.

- She notes that at one point, MassJCL was in \$10,000 debt
- She also notes that bills have since been corrected, and \$4,500 must be collected by Feb 15th in order to pay off debts remaining from last year's State Convention.
- Money from the catapult contest
- A bill for MassJCL was postponed, for \$500 to 600, possible to get
- Also, three sponsors from last year's Classics Day never paid, also another form of possible income.

11:00 AM—Charlie Burke, MassJCL 1st Vice President, gives his report.

- The theme for this year's BU Classics Day will be "All the Emperor's New Groove", putting focus on the Roman Emperors.
- Most workshop presenters at this time have been chosen, but there are not many professors holding the seminars, more outside people.
- Charlie says that he is working on ironing out the logistics of the event, but things are starting to come together.
- He also puts forth the idea for an officers' skit at BU Classics Day.

11:01 AM—Vanessa Durand, MassJCL President, gives her report concerning the September mailing.

- Vanessa says that she has revised the state packet from last year, and that every person present at the meeting has received one.

11:02 AM—Motion to accept the officers' reports; Becca firsts, and Carissa seconds it; the motion passes.

11:02 AM—Ms. Bauer once again gives a report to the board about her position and role of communicating ideas between the MassJCL and the Classics Association of Massachusetts.

- Ms. Bauer is thinking about writing an article about MassJCL's exploits at Nationals for the Classics Association's newsletter.
- Also, the Classics Association gives an award for excellence in teaching classics, and Ms. Bauer reveals that Ms. Fillion has been nominated for this honor; they are still waiting to hear about the results.

11:04 AM—Vanessa reintroduces the focus of this executive board meeting, i.e. the September Mailing.

- Every year there is a packet introducing the JCL to Latin teachers statewide, concerning the activities that go along with membership.
- There is a new formula for mailing, along with a spreadsheet of teachers that receive this handy packet.
- There are 25 schools, and Ms. Fillion divvies up the task of contacting the schools and their sponsors by giving each board officer 5 schools to get information on.

11:07 AM—Vanessa introduces the GOAL portion of the meeting

- In order to get off to a successful year, each attendant at the meeting writes down their goals and objectives for the upcoming year; at each meeting Vanessa will check in to see how people are doing with their goals.

11:14 AM—Vanessa moves to read out loud the goals.

11:21 AM—Vanessa finishes reading the goals aloud.

11:21 AM—Vanessa motions to accept the goals; Kerri firsts, Audane seconds; the motion passes.

11:22 AM—Ms. Bauer asks about reservations for lunch, and how best to accommodate the hospitable hotel staff.

11:23 AM—The going over of the State Packet begins; there are two notable additions to the Academic Testing sessions—these changes include 3 levels of Greek exam, and also a “Neo-Latin Blast”, a potpourri of Classical language with witty modern applications.

11:25 AM—Ms. Fillion points out the necessity of having three levels of Greek, for the probability of schools having three levels of Greek is highly unlikely, with the exception of BC High.

11:28 AM—Academic Finals are discussed

- Wording about Dramatic Interpretation passages is called into question, along with bolding of important information.
- Also, clarification of requirements for Graphic Arts entries are mentioned; copying of Nationals rules for Graphic Arts entries is suggested, because of stringent policies and erroneous disqualifications.
- State Convention issues are talked at great length.

11:43 AM—Carissa asks about convention spirit, possible prelude to Nationals with school cheering at the beginning of General Assemblies.

- Carissa also mentions changes to the Toga Parade, including the deduction of points for non-Roman dress and keeping the same way of judging the contest.

11:45 AM—Jacob Meister suggests changing the alphabetical organization of schools in the Toga Parade, grouping by size and judging by size.

11:46 AM—The meeting is adjourned for lunch.

1:05 PM—The meeting reconvenes.

1:06 PM—The community service contest is discussed; there is a new addition of Individual community service, along with the returning Local Chapter division.

1:08 PM—Ms. Fillion points out that a portfolio is necessary for entry in the Community Service Contest.

1:09 PM—Attention is turned to publicity; there will be two kinds, Best and Most (Publicity).

1:10 PM—Manila folder is to be handed in for Community Service entries.

1:11 PM—NJCL website rules are in the progress of changing, so MassJCL is waiting for the official NJCL Rubric to arrive before specifications of the contest are announced.

1:12 PM—Ms. Fillion notes that there might be a prerequisite for updates on websites, coupled with periodic judging.

1:16 PM—Vanessa brings up the point about publications; that three copies of each issue must be sent at appropriate deadlines.

1:17 PM—Carissa brings up her idea about continuing the JCL Dance introduced by 2005-2006 2nd VP Tahisha Desir; uproar ensues, Vanessa tries to bring the meeting back to order.

1:18 PM—Further contention about deadlines concerning publications ensues; a final resolution is passed, bonus pints will be rewarded at November and February 1st.

1:22 PM--Mandatory entries (3) sent by April 1st, 2007 deadline will receive NO extra points, but there will be points given for 2 issues sent on both November 1st, 2006 and February 1st, 2007.

1:23 PM—Kerri asks about whether or not points should be given towards the State Trophy for articles in newspapers, etc.

1:27 PM—The revised MassJCL constitution is being sent to Audane Leger, along with the packet.

1:29 PM—The specification of voting delegates is discussed, along with constitutional amendments.

1:30 PM—Vanessa Durand motions to accept the revised State Packet; Audane firsts, Michaella seconds; the motion passes.

1:31 PM—The board's agenda moves along to fundraising through corporations and sponsors; some corporate sponsors already asked gave been: Old Navy, Stop and Shop, and various radio stations.

1:34 PM—More discussion about financial issues; ideas move to private money donations from parents.

1:37 PM—Vanessa motions to accept the financial fundraising; Carissa firsts, Charlie seconds; the motion passes.

1:39 PM—The possibility of a bazaar at the Catapult Contest is talked about in detail; Ms. Fillion asks about the plausibility of having a multi-school bus for transportation to the Catapult contest; it is deemed fiscally unprudent.

1:42 PM—The Catapult Event is the biggest money draw in of the MassJCL year; Charlie raises the issue of money.

1:43 PM—Becca tries to up money and dues, entry fee for the Catapult Contest.

1:45 PM—Ms. Bauer brings up issue of raising MassJCL Membership fees from 1 to 2 dollars.

1:57 PM—The Catapult Contest is tentatively changed to October 28th, pending feasibility from Ms. Keeley, as it is being held at her school (Mt. Greylock) and she needs to discuss it with the administration.

1:58 PM—Chairs move to accept change in registration; the motion passes.

1:59 PM—Calendar issues are discussed; Executive Board meetings are tentatively scheduled (and locations) as follows:

- September 23rd, 2006
- October 22nd, 2006
- December 9th/10th, 2006
- January 27th/February 3rd, 2007
- March 3rd/4th, 2007
- April 22nd, 2007 (Barnstable)