

Massachusetts JCL Executive Board Meeting,
Held September 23rd at the Lunenburg Public Library

In Attendance:

Executive Board Officers:

Vanessa Durand, President 2006-2007
Charlie Burke, First Vice-President 2006-2007
Carissa Williams, Second Vice President 2006-2007
Grace Laidlaw, Secretary 2006-2007
Audane Leger, Parliamentarian 2006-2007
Rebecca Gwaltney, Treasurer 2006-2007
Michaela Reif, Historian 2006-2007
Zack Sheppard, Technical Coordinator 2005-2006 & 2006-2007

State Chairs/Sponsors:

Janet Fillion, State Chair (Boston Latin Academy)
Marjorie Keeley (Mount Greylock Regional High School)

Guests:

Tahisha Desir (Boston Latin Academy)

Minutes:

10:06- Vanessa calls the meeting to order.

10:07- A discussion of the minutes follows. It is decided that the corrected version of the minutes from last meeting will be posted on the website without further discussion, but this meeting's minutes will be sent out for corrections and copies will be brought to the next meeting for approval from the board before being posted on the site.

10:12- Zack gives the technical coordinator's report. He has created the skeleton for the new MassJCL website, which he shows the board. A discussion follows about which documents and what information should be included on the new site. Mrs. Keeley volunteers to send .pdf files of important documents for Zack to post. She stresses the importance of having the information posted by early next week.

10:17- Rebeca gives the treasurer's report. She says that the MassJCL has paid off all but \$4000 owed to UMass Amherst from last year's convention. Vanessa questions other officers about outstanding JCL expenses, of which there are very few. The board agrees to pay UMass \$2000 of the owed money immediately.

10:20- Carrie gives the editor's report. She announces that the first issue of the *Forum* has been sent out. She says she ran across difficulties while printing the issue, but most of the problems have been resolved, and she has high hopes for next issue.

10:21- Charlie gives the 1st Vice President's report. He is happy to announce that Classics Day is underway, and he is already receiving responses from teachers eager to attend. He has also been publicizing the event with posters and e-mail.

10:24- Mrs. Keeley reports that she is currently awaiting responses about the Catapult Contest from several schools and urges everyone present at the meeting to make sure their school has R.S.V.P.d.

10:27- A discussion of e-mail ensues. Several officers raise concerns about the amount of spam in the officer accounts at the state website. Zack explains his plans to reduce it.

10:29- Ms. Fillion announces good news about this year's convention: the hotel rooms will cost \$100 apiece, rather than \$130, as previously thought, and the required advance deposit will be \$4500 instead of \$18,000.

10:32- Ms. Fillion brings up the issue of swimming at State Convention. Insurance may be required.

10:33- Audane moves to accept the officers' reports. Rebecca seconds. The motion passes.

10:34- Mrs. Keeley passes out schedules for this year's Catapult Contest/Fall Kick-Off Event. She enlists Grace and Zack's help with registration at the event. She also asks other officers to help organize and score the catapult contest. A discussion of officer responsibilities at the catapult contest follows. Audane and Carrie are put in charge of judging catapult names. Vanessa is placed in charge of overseeing the marshmallow division of the contest.

10:43- Mrs. Keeley explains the pre-registration process for entrants in the catapult competition, which has been simplified since last year.

10:47- The topic and length of this year's storytelling presentation is discussed. The subject is left up to the discretion of this year's storyteller, so long as it is Classics-related.

10:51- Mrs. Keeley continues the discussion of the schedule for the Fall Kick-Off Event.

10:54- The subject of the officer skit at the catapult contest is discussed. A plan is approved by the board.

10:56- The board takes time to look over lunch menus and order lunch.

11:50- The board re-adjourns and begins discussing dates for future meetings. Meetings are (tentatively) scheduled for Sunday, November 19th at the Lunenburg Public Library, Saturday, January 27th at UMass Amherst, Sunday, March 4th in Lunenburg, and Saturday, April 7th at Barnstable High School.

12:28- Vanessa opens a discussion of the state and national website competitions. She proposes ending the discrepancy between state and national website guidelines by adopting the national guidelines for use in the state competition. Zack asks for a chance to review the national guidelines first, and mentions that he disagrees with some of the national rules, including restrictions against animation on websites. There is some question about the guidelines, and a discussion ensues.

12:37- Vanessa asks the officers to look at the national website rules on their own; Zack will make a proposal about which rules should be adopted, and the controversy over the rules will be resolved through e-mail. Officers should provide feedback on Zack's proposal and vote on it (through e-mail) by Saturday, September 30, 2006.

12:41- Vanessa reminds the officers about the upcoming statewide Make A Difference Day. Participating schools will be asked to organize and participate in community service projects on Saturday, October 21st in honor of the holiday.

12:49- Vanessa opens the floor to new business. The board first discusses the preliminary schedule for this year's convention, including logistics for certamen preliminaries, general assemblies, the toga parade, and check-out.

1:22- Zack moves to adjourn the meeting. Michaela seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.