

***BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE***  
MINUTES REGARDING THE FIFTH MEETING  
BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL ROOM 301  
MARCH 16, 2016  
A.D. XVII KAL. APR. A.U.C. MMDCCLXIX

***Dramatis Personae***

***Present Board Members:***

Linda Qin	MassJCL President
Allyson Ping	MassJCL First Vice President
Daniel Sherman	MassJCL Secretary
Louis Delano	Triumvir
William Gao	Triumvir
Michael Gao	Triumvir
Tim Liu	Secretary
Molly O'Halloran	Treasurer
Ashley Chou	Deputy Treasurer
Peter Wang	Publications Editor
Will Burnett	Co-Historian
Ada Chai	Co-Historian
Oliver MacNeely	Webmaster
Clair Fu	Deputy Webmaster
Carina Layfield	Publicity Director
Ina Beinborn	Deputy of Publicity
Anna Aldins	Publicity Committee Member
Jonathan Yuan	Publicity Committee Member
Kayla Riker	Head Spirit Coordinator
Jamie Doyle	Deputy Spirit Coordinator
Jairam Rao	Officer at Large
Nicholas Weiske	Officer at Large

***Regrets:***

Randy Chen	Parliamentarian
Christina Yee	Community Service Czar

***Sponsors:***

Ms. Foley  
Ms. Hausey

Mr. Brownell

Ms. Bauer

***Guests:***

Ting Wei Li

Jason Zou

**Highlights:**

1. Kayla talks shortly about spirit at State Convention.
2. The candidates wishing to run for Mass JCL State office give their speeches and answer and questions. They are as follows, in gavel order: Anna Aldins for Second Vice President, Carina Layfield for Second Vice President, Tim Liu for Secretary, Kayla Riker for Treasurer, Will Burnett for Historian, Ada Chai for Historian, and Peter Wang for Publications Editor.
3. The rest of the board and the sponsors discuss and then vote on the candidates.

**Pre-Meeting Discussion/Activity (If any):**

- 2:20 – The State Officer candidates carry out any final arrangements for their presentations.

**Minutes:**

I. Beginning of Meeting

2:28 PM

**Spirit Discussion:**

**2:28 to 2:32** – Kayla breaks down the spirit plans for each day of State Convention. The first day’s theme will be “Massachusetts Monster Mash”, which could possibly include concepts such as snow and witches. However, this could also include mythological creatures such as cyclopes, gorgons, and the Minotaur. Kayla says that she will type out these plans in detail and share them with the board. Sunday’s theme will be “Classical Bays/*Baes*”. There will be some clever “pun” signs to go along with this theme, mostly involving the Olympians. Additionally, participants could hold up posters containing images of classical bays. Kayla addresses the subject of arranging spirit practices, which is a topic that will be elaborated in a future board meetings.

**State Office Candidate Speeches:**

**2:33 to 2:34** – William commences the candidate speeches. He starts off by outlining the basic procedure. Each candidate will be allocated exactly two minutes for their speech (they will be warned if they are quickly approaching the time limit), followed by two questions from the audience. A total of around five minutes will be spent on each candidate — two minutes for their

speech, and three minutes for the two questions. There will be a discussion afterwards, and then voting. The candidates are to proceed in gavel order.

**2:35 to 2:40** – The first candidate to present is Anna Aldins, who wishes to run for Second Vice President. She hands flyers around the main table to the other board members. Anna explains her familiarity with community service. These accomplishments include four years of volunteer work at a local museum and various other short term service projects. She has attended two State and two National Conventions, and during the spirit events of the latter, she has tried her best to cheer with as much energy and passion as possible. She hopes to set a higher standard for spirit at State Convention and plans to provide chapters with the correct information to facilitate these goals. Additionally, she plans on setting up a “Spirit Hotline”, which will allow Mass JCL members to ask questions about spirit, and receive responses from both her and other chapters. She has connections with local officers from across the state, the current and previous Mass JCL boards, and Hannah Seriac, the current NJCL Second Vice President. She is comfortable with interacting and communicating with other board members. After she concludes her speech, the audience applauds. Questions commence. William asks Anna how she will, while campaigning at State Convention, reconcile the fact that she has the experience necessary for spirit, publicity, and community service. Anna explains her experience with spirit, particularly how she was assigned to help lead a spirit event at the last Spirit Party before National Convention, where she grew comfortable with cheering. She also mentions her previous experiences with community service. Ashley asks Anna about her plan to hold spirit to higher standard. Anna explains that after witnessing cheering at State Convention last year, she wishes to “even out the playing field” between the various chapters.

**2:41 to 2:46** – Carina Layfield wishes to also run for Second Vice President. She distributes her handouts. Carina reminds the board that she has served as both the Deputy Publicity Director and Head Publicity on the BLS JCL board, and during that time she has helped plan events such as pumpkin painting, Lupercalia, and BLS JCL Classics Week. She has also organized BLS JCL’s participation in the Roslindale Parade. She has attended the last two Nation Conventions, which have given her experience regarding spirit activities. She hopes to reinstate the Seasonal Service Projects and initiate statewide “Chapter of the Month” contests. Additionally, she would like to publish seasonal newsletters in order to inform chapters of upcoming spirit and service opportunities. She has attended two State Board meetings, and has read the Minutes from both this year and the previous year. She has also spoken with those who have experience with the activities she will be responsible for, and will try her best to effectively communicate with other board members and chapters. After applause, the questions commence. William asks Carina how she will, while campaigning at State Convention, reconcile the fact that she has the experience necessary for spirit, publicity, and community service; this question is identical to that which was directed towards Anna. Carina says that through the events she has planned, she will be able to effectively organize the Mass JCL Dance, and has done a substantial amount of work with social networking. She has experience with community service in the form of being a volunteer

counsellor at a camp over the summer. Kayla directs a question to both Second Vice President candidates. She asks if either candidate has any ideas for spirit themes at State Convention. Carina mentions the idea of incorporating well known classical ideas and/or figures into a spirit theme. Anna recalls “Throwback Thursday” at National Convention last year, and explains how she could incorporate a similar concept that would expand upon one specific era in classical history.

**2:47 to 2:51** – Tim Liu hopes to run for Mass JCL Secretary. Before he starts his speech, he distributes examples of his previous sets of Minutes. He talks about his work as 2014-2015 BLS JCL Secretary, his attendance of a Mass JCL Board meeting, and his participation in Mass JCL’s *Praetoria*. He explains how all three of those experiences have prepared him for working as Secretary on the state level. If elected, he will incorporate a crossword puzzle at the end of each set of Minutes, which can be submitted for the opportunity of receiving a reward at the end of the year. He believes that this will incentivize more people to read the Minutes. He admires the value of truth, and believes that the Minutes are an impartation of the truth behind the Mass JCL’s functioning. After the applause, questioning begins. Anna asks Tim how, if confronted with an opposing candidate that has more experience taking Minutes, how he will prove that he is the better option. Tim replies that, in such a situation as proposed, his qualifications for the role would lie mainly in the quality of his Minutes themselves; he additionally says that he will have a sample set of Minutes for the latest Mass JCL board meeting read of State Convention, if chosen to run there. Kayla asks Tim how he will express the quality of leadership as a State Officer. Tim says that he will try his best to effectively communicate with the other board members, and, if elected, he would be willing to help anyone who is aspiring to become the secretary of either their own chapter or Mass JCL.

**2:52 to 2:56** – Kayla Riker wishes to run for Treasurer. She has attended four State Conventions and two National Conventions. Recently, she has attended Mass JCL’s *Praetoria*, where she has learned both leadership and campaigning skills. Kayla has been on the BLS JCL board for two years, and for one of those years, occupied the role of a Treasurer. She works regularly at a café, where she conducts duties that reflect the responsibilities that she will have as Mass JCL Treasurer. She has experience managing her own finances and with online banking. Due to lack of involvement with Certamen, she will have more time to make connections with students from other chapters during State Convention. She mentions her involvement with other school clubs, and talks about why she holds the concept of leadership to a high standard. She finishes by summarily listing all of her qualifications. Applause follows, and then the questions begin. Louis asks Kayla how she will address her gap in treasury work, as she was a BLS JCL Treasurer two year ago, but was the Spirit Coordinator this past year. Kayla felt inspired by the spirit activities at last year’s State Convention, so she decided to run for a spirit related office. However, she realized that her skills and experiences were better suited for being a treasurer, and reflected upon the importance of the treasury for BLS JCL and Mass JCL. She does not regret her decision to become the Spirit Coordinator, but at the same time has not lost any of the qualifications that

make her suitable to become the Mass JCL Treasurer. William asks Kayla if she has any ideas about either improving current fundraisers or introducing new ones. She talks about the success of Coin Wars, which she aims to continue, but also mentions the possibility of executing the Yankee Candle Fundraiser on a statewide level.

**2:57 to 3:03** – Will Burnett hopes to run for Mass JCL Historian. He passes around his flyers, and then writes down the link to one of his digital scrapbooks on a whiteboard. He has attended three State Conventions and three National Conventions. As BLS JCL Historian, he has taken an estimated total of over three-thousand photographs. He has helped create two first place National Scrapbooks and one first place State Scrapbook. He has skills and experience with Adobe InDesign and various other digital editing platforms, which will help him expand his knowledge of scrapbook creation from the physical to digital medium. He has a passion for both photography and assembling scrapbooks. Additionally, he is currently managing a BLS JCL Flickr account, with an archive of photographs that date back to 2011 and 2012. However, he hasn't only uploaded pictures onto the aforementioned BLS JCL Flickr account, but also the NJCL Flickr account. If elected, he will reach out to historians from local chapters, and attempt to establish a central place where local historian can share ideas. Aside from that, he plans on create informational packets about creating scrapbooks, which will be distributed both physically and electronically. William gives time for the board to look over Will's digital scrapbook example, which passed from person to person on Allyson's computational device. Michael asks Will if he will be making both a physical and digital scrapbook, so which Will replies in the affirmative. Although digital scrapbooks have not been yet implemented on a statewide level, they have seen relative success on the national level. Thus, Will hopes to implement the option of submitting digital scrapbooks on a statewide level. Louis asks about scrapbook Themes. Will says that the theme usually goes with the national theme, which is currently *Ubi concordia, ibi victoria*. To that extent, he plans on incorporating the Greco-Roman gods into that theme, which each section dedicated to a particular god. He also talks about the idea of creating sections based off of classical lovers. At National Convention, a new theme will be introduced, to which he will adhere to in the following year.

**3:04 to 3:08** – Ada Chai hopes to become Mass JCL Historian. First, she passes around her flyers. She starts her speech with a story about why she first began to devote her artistic talent towards BLS JCL. She has served as a Historian for multiple years on the BLS JCL board. Over time, she has increasingly gained experience on creating scrapbooks, and participated in two first-place winning scrapbooks — one on the national level, and one on a statewide level. She has taken over two-thousand photographs as BLS JCL Historian, and has designed various t-shirts, logos, and event decorations, some examples of which she demonstrates to the board on a poster. If elected she will introduce new ideas, such as making monthly videos. She explains how her involvement with JCL has helped her grow not only as Historian, but also as a person. After the applause, questions follow. Oliver asks Ada about her software qualifications. She says that she is experienced with Photoshop, Inkscape, and Microsoft Publisher. Allyson asks about

scrapbook themes. Ada says that she usually builds her themes around the national theme. She enjoys taking a theme, and creating ideas that are subtly related to them. She talks about how she applied this mentality to picking a State T-Shirt design. She chose a clam chowder design, because the soup is well-representative of Massachusetts, and thus displayed the idea of *ubi concordia, ibi victoria* without incorporating a military theme.

**3:09 to 3:14** – Peter Wang wishes to run for Mass JCL Publications Editor. He distributes issues of his previous publications. He has attended four State Conventions and three National Conventions. Last year, he served on the BLS JCL Publications Committee, and this past year, took the role of BLS JCL Publications Editor. He has developed effective communications strategies with fellow board members, sponsors, and the BLS JCL populace to help him create issues of *Paws Romana*. He has gained invaluable experience since his time on the Publication Committee, and has dedicated many hours in designing and developing his newsletters. After examining Najla Nassar and Linda Qin’s publications, he has formulated his own layout design, which will be simple yet equally effective. He plans on adding more officer updates, more information regarding past and upcoming events regarding the classics, and a spotlight for the latest happenings of specific chapters. In order to encourage more chapters to develop their own newsletters, he plans on holding workshops at State Convention and other events, which will familiarize newcomers to the subject of publications design. Furthermore, he will hold competitions for smaller chapters. The winners of these competitions will garner points for the chapter at State Convention. Peter will individually communicate with chapters to help them start their own publications. He ends by explaining his passion for JCL, how much the club has already given him, and how his dedication and skill make him qualified for Publications Editor. As per usual, after the applause, the presenter is greeted with questions. William asks Peter about what his new layout design, which is different from Najla and Linda’s previous designs, will entail. Peter explains that his newsletter examples, which are being passed around, demonstrate this design. He has been incorporating more pictures than either Najla or Linda, effectively using them as backgrounds. Anna mentions that sometimes it is difficult to acquire articles for publications in a timely manner. Although this may be easily remedied at school, where the Publications Editor can maintain in close contact with any of the writers, it could prove to be a larger problem on a statewide level. She asks Peter how he plans on addressing such problems, should they arise. Peter says that he emails his writers individually, and tries his to keep himself updated on their progress to the best of his ability, which he will undoubtedly continue to do as a State Officer. Kayla asks Peter if he has any strategies for acquiring new articles and incorporating different “voices” from throughout the state. Peter states that by encouraging smaller chapters to create their own publications, he hopes to build incentivize more schools to submit statewide submissions.

**3:15 to 3:29** – The candidates are told to leave the room, as the rest of the board and the sponsors commence discussion regarding the each of them. However, these discourses are **CONFIDENTIAL**.

**3:30** – The candidates are called back into the room in order to fill out their own voting ballots. After all votes are cast, the meeting is adjourned.

II. Conclusion of Meeting

3:30 PM

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**Duration:**

1 Hour and 2 Minutes

**Summary:**

The aspiring candidates for MassJCL state office gave their speeches, followed by two questions from the audience. After this, the candidates were ushered out of the room, as **CONFIDENTIAL** deliberations about the candidates took place.

**Lessons Learned/Reflection:**

- All of the candidates proved to be qualified. The competition was tough, and it was certainly a challenge for everyone to cast their votes.

**Upcoming Events/Dates:**

- Harvard Certamen (tentative) ----- *March 26, 2016*
- Rome’s Birthday Party (tentative) ----- *April, 2016*
- Due Date to Register for State Office Candidacy ----- *April 1, 2016*
- Due Date for State Convention Pre-Convention Contest Submissions --- *April 1, 2016*
- MassJCL Meeting ----- *April 9, 2016*
- Publicity Binder Deadline ----- *April 15, 2016*
- MassJCL State Convention ----- *April 29 to May 1, 2016*
- NJCL Convention ----- *July 25 to 30, 2016*

***Entertaining Latin Quote:***

*“Si hortum in bibliotheca habes, nihil deerit.”*

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”

– **Marcus Tullius Cicero, *Epistulae Ad Familiares IX, 4***

***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