

MASCL meeting Saturday, 16 October 1999, in the Great Room of Museum Towers
In attendance: Erica, Craig, Sean, Janet, Kevin, Katherine, Sarah,
Rachana, Alicia, Jeff

Preliminary discussions included rationalizing the suspension of constitutional amendments, a push to get the address & phone number list out to everyone, wondering just how much money Sterling has control over now with his latest treasurer position, and Craig's movies.

*Regarding the secretary position

Letta, our secretary since the beginning of last year, has been worried about her ability to attend meetings due to her insanely busy schedule. There was a proposal to find a permanent replacement. This was briefly interrupted by a retelling of the appointment of Tien Bui (spelling?) as Vice President two years ago and her subsequent disappearance. A final decision was made to have Rachana take over as secretary.

Kevin--Remember to take Letta off of the officers list and add Rachana. (At this point, Katherine did not hand over the duties of taking minutes to Rachana. Oops, my bad. However, an interesting observation was made. Since the beginning of 1999, when Letta is at a meeting, Katherine is not, and vice versa. Hmm. Makes one wonder if Letta and Katherine are pulling a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde or if Katherine just wants to be Letta, in addition to having a Caesar complex for writing about herself in the third person.)

*Where is the scrapbook?

Letta seems to think Katherine has it, but Katherine remembers giving it back to Letta, so it must be around BU. Janet wanted to know where the states keep their old scrapbooks. Where does the national one reside?

*The one and only MASCL webpage

The new webpage should have old secretary minutes (everything that has been emailed is archived) plus a digital version of our scrapbook (when it reappears). As Jeff conveniently managed to walk in as this was being discussed, he was able to promise that as soon as he gets something up he'll send out the address. Later, someone mentioned it would make life easier if we could get the webpage on a non-school server.

*Proposal of constitutional amendment

Craig proposed an amendment, seconded very enthusiastically by Jeff, to change the editor's duties to publishing "at least 1" issue of Caligula's Pony Express from "at least 2." The idea is to definitely have an issue in the spring to entice prospective members to join. This led to a discussion as to whether we should further amend the duties of the editor to include editing the webpage. Then there was a suggestion to have appointed positions of Webmaster & Certamen Chair, but it was somewhat agreed that it might be better to suggest such positions as needed. All of this is to be voted on at the next meeting . . . if we imagine that 29 = 30 (days).

*Next meeting

Our next meeting is at Amherst, though we had not yet talked with anyone from there. The date was changed from 20 November to 13 November, as there was no one who objected to the latter date and a few who objected to the former. Janet suggested the meeting be at 10 or 11 to early afternoon. As for transportation, Sean and Janet have cars, so that's ten people. Sarah might have a car, but Kevin is going to go ahead and reserve a rental just in case. If you're going, RSVP to Erica (epfister@mit.edu) ASAP.

It looks as if we won't be having a December meeting. The next meeting after the November one will be around the Martin Luther King Day weekend.

Just out of curiosity, how much money do we have?

Janet had a lovely little digression on the virtues of email.

*Jeff proposed an outing to see Caligula at Kendall. There was a suggestion that we probably don't want to turn this into a dinner and a movie thing. Since Erica's not sure she wants to make this an official event due to the nature of the film itself, Jeff, you may get to organize this one.

There was a debate as to whether or not "Caligulae Pony Express" was valid.

*Certamen!

We need 360 total--120 questions and 240 boni. Breakdown:

language 20x3 (novice) 20x3 (lower) 16x3 (upper)

history/life 10x3 10x3 8x3

mythology 10x3 10x3 8x3

literature 8x3

They want more Greek history and literature in the upper finals, and there is a specific list of what should be included in the grammar. Janet and someone she knows would like to edit them before they get sent off, so we should start these now and do them 1/4 at a time so we have them all done by February. We should agree on the format and get them on a disk so they're emailable. Remember--this is one way we get money! Sarah was appointed Certamen Chair, so she gets to split up these groups. Just because you weren't at this meeting doesn't mean you won't get asked to do this . . .

At this point Janet did not do a show and tell that amused us while making us apprehensive of the actions of our middle and high school teachers. But she did talk about how kids these days like learning conversational Latin.

Rachana--Just so you know, the minutes do not have to be so detailed and full of random tirades. I was just having fun--and avoiding doing my work.