

The first MASCL meeting of the new year...yay!!! (I know you're smiling.)  
I apologize if I'm too long-winded. Get over it.

May 15, 2001  
Harvard University--Loker Commons

Those in attendance: Tiffany, Phil, David, Pankaj, Laura, Adam, Jennifer, Erica, Russell, Katherine, Craig, Janet, Sarah, Jeff, Shankar. for a whopping total of 15.

Call to order 2:10. Followed by a location change to a comfortable spot by a bunch of loud, obnoxious girls.

#### I. Introductions

Katherine (kalochb@bu.edu) gives an introduction to MASCL with greater rapidity than the micro-machine man. Then, with less rapidity, we proceed to introduce ourselves in a clockwise fashion. Those who are not math majors feel left out. heh heh heh. Many a confused new MASCLer asks about the sheep...discussion commences.

#### II. National Convention

Lengthy, thorough discussion best summarized by: It was fun. Who gets the money!? Kevin (fubob@mit.edu) will get That's Entertainment videos to those who ordered them as soon as possible. Keep your pants on...please. Sterling is haunting us in the form of Adam. Is some officer going to dress like him for every meeting? Discussion concerning Sterling's poor email skills and lack of ability to make appointments at T-stops to pick up large silver bowls. Jeff decides that we should dedicate this meeting to griping about Sterling.

#### III. Treasurer's Report

Russell (hansenrp@hotmail.com) will set up an account at Brookline Savings Bank. They've been around forever, and there's no fees! yay!!! However, we need a tax number in lieu of Sterling's SSN. Russell's gonna work on that. Dues: \$4 for the year. Russell says, "Pay me!!!"

#### IV. Caligula's Pony Express

Adam (ajbravo@bu.edu) : "I have nothing!" (Doesn't sound very promising, does it? It'll improve I'm sure.) What does the constitution say about the number of issues? Adam's thinking about having two. Oooooo Aaahhh. Erica will check into finding the real constitution as Katherine doesn't have it. :( Considering an amendment allowing or requiring two issues per year. Adam makes promise to have membership cards. I know I'm excited!!! (Sidebar: Janet and Tiffany discuss uselessness of membership cards.)

#### V. Webpage (<http://www.nscl.org/~mascl/>)

Props to Phil (zeyliger@fas.harvard.edu) for the great job though we're not really sure his position is official. (Ha ha!! Phil has no constitutional basis!!) Visit the webpage at the above address!! "Don't be sheepish!" says Janet. All this fun cyberworld stuff leads to a discussion of the email list. There are, in fact, two mailing lists. A social one and a business one. Inquire with Phil (zeyliger@fas.harvard.edu) or Kevin (fubob@mit.edu) for details. Moderation of the email list will be part of the webmaster's responsibility. (We just keep adding duties to this office that might not exist. hee hee) What do we want on the email list? News and Classics links. Possibility of a virtual scrapbook arises thanks to Craig. Tiffany (tiffanyc@bu.edu) ponders the possibilities and takes responsibility for finding a new scrapbook as the current one is full, or pretty darn close anyway. Also, there is a new feature. "Ask Agnus". Laugh; I know you want to. It's kinda like Dear Abby but without any tact. Perfect!! Spread the word. Questions will be emailed to those who signed up in hopes of finding humorous responses. Such responses will be posted on the website that you should all visit. (<http://www.nscl.org/~mascl/>) Props to NSCL for the free webspace.

#### VI. News from the MJCL

Extremely heated debate opens concerning the abbreviations of MJCL and MASCL as well as every other state in the union. BIG NEWS: overnight convention at UMASS-Amherst this spring!!! WooHoo!!! Janet says it was tough to get an overnight convention due to the \$\$, but hopes it will go over well. Send your overnight state convention stories to Janet (rockberries@mindspring.com) so she can share them with MassJCL. Saturday, October 20 Legion XIV will be performing. Details forthcoming. (id est: We'll hear more at the next meeting.) Classics Day is October 31 at Wakefield HS. Pompeiiana will be performing with Dr. Barcio as a merchant from Pompeii. (As a Hoosier, I can vouch that he's the man!) There is a Certamen Scrimmage sometime in January of February if anyone is interested. Again, details forthcoming. Russell (hansenrp@hotmail.com) is going to write MASCL piece for MassJCL's newsletter Forum Factorum.

#### VII. This Year's Projects

Certamen and convention tests. Katherine gives the lowdown. Preliminary sign-ups for Certamen writers:

Language:

Editors: David and PK      Novice (20 ??'s): Phil and Adam

Lower (20): PK and Lisa      Upper (16): Adam and David

History/Life

Editor: Russell      Novice (10): ??????      Lower (10): ??????

Upper (8): David

Myth:

Editor: Katherine Novice (10): Jennifer Lower (10):  
Craig Upper (8): ??????

Literature

Editor: Phil Upper (8): Jeff

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2001!!!!

Convention Tests. There are eight topics (Grammar, Myth, Life, Derivatives, Mottoes/Proverbs/Abbreviations, Greek, Pentathlon, and History) 50 questions for each category. Start thinking about what you want to write. Sign-ups will take place at a later date. Erica (a.k.a. Formatting Goddess) will help with formatting.

New England SCL's: Jennifer has been working on announcements in western Mass, Russell emailed a professor at UMASS. In conclusion, it's in the works. Connecticut has four potential members. They need five. Tiffany might be able to get a fifth.

VIII. How can the NSCL help us?

What do we want from NSCL? basically a communication link.

(Interjection: At this point in the meeting, restlessness was becoming evident. But don't worry...not much more.)

IX. Other stuff.

Craig (craig.sherman.2000@alum.bu.edu) proposes some way that we can help states affected by the tragedies on September 11. Possibilities include a donation in MASCL's name to the Red Cross or some other organization. Possible Celebrity Jeopardy fundraiser. Motion tabled until a later date. (Told you we were growing restless.)

X. Next Meeting.

Sunday, October 14, 2001 at Boston University. Probably George Sherman Union. Details, again, forthcoming. Look for directions. They won't be hard...promise.

That finally concludes this edition of Tick Tock...the Minutes. Tune in next time for more exciting MASCL news.

Have a good day, and remember!! If you can't be good, be safe! ;)

Yours respectfully,

Tiffany "The Red" Caufield  
Secretary, MASCL

"As soon as you're born, you start dying. So you might as well have a good time." ~Cake