

MASSACHUSETTS SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES REGARDING THE TRANSITIONAL MEETING
@ BOSTON UNIVERSITY, GEORGE SHERMAN UNION
June 10, 2017

In Attendance:

Dalena Nguyen ----- MassSCL President
Will Burnett ----- MassSCL Secretary/Historian
Christina Yee ----- MassSCL Webmaster
Shreya Murthy ----- MassSCL Member at Large
Michael Howard ----- MassSCL Member at Large

Regrets:

Lauren Mostrom ----- *Former* MassSCL President
Edward Wang ----- MassSCL Vice President
Daniel Sherman ----- *Former* MassSCL Secretary/Historian
Michael Gao ----- *Former* MassSCL Webmaster
Allyson Ping ----- MassSCL Member at Large
Andrew Maschakov ----- MassSCL Member at Large
William Gao ----- *Former* MassSCL Member at Large
Linda Qin ----- *Former* MassSCL Member at Large
Katie Davis ----- *Former* MassSCL Member at Large
Natalia Saletnik ----- *Former* MassSCL Member at Large
Ashwin Varghese ----- *Former* MassSCL Member at Large
Ms. Luong ----- MassSCL Advisor

Minutes:

Meeting Begins - 10:27 am

10:27 - Regrets are covered.

10:28 - Dalena asserts that whomever has not been added to the Facebook should be. She mentions that most people should have already been added (ie. the new board from the graduating class of 2017 has been added).

10:28 - Dalena covers testing issues: At State Convention this year, there were many problems with testing - specifically scantrons. Next year, in 2018, we need to take several precautions to make sure that we do not run out of scantrons, or come up short. We can either make use of scantrons as in the past or explore zipgrade. Michael suggests that immediately after states we could buy more scantrons and keep them with the machine until State Convention. We would then make sure we have more scantrons ordered the week after State Convention 2018 and repeat the process. Scantrons should arrive/ be stored by the MassJCL Transitional Meeting 2018.

10:29 - Dalena asserts that the SCL skit should happen again but in true SCL fashion we won't be organizing it until states

10:30 - Michael suggests Street Certamen instead of Open Certamen at State Convention as it promotes a more open and fun atmosphere and open certamen has had a lack of attendance in years past. This idea could be adapted from what MassJCL officers had planned last year for a Street Certamen event. For incentive the winner of street certamen could win a mini prize.

10:30 - Dalena speaks about Dollars for Scholars - This year Dollars for Scholars was particularly disorganized which needs to be fixed for next year. Instead of keeping the same format, Dalena suggests a Jeopardy board base where costumes etc. go for certain amounts. The idea is to have the whole board cleared as soon as possible so we can move to a bonus round. For the jeopardy system schools would not send in amounts of money with a runner as they did this year, but rather individuals would compete. There is also the possibility of adding in a daily double. (ex. if Jonathan wears a costume if people can raise an amount in a certain time he will ex. play the piano.) Our goal for Dollars for Scholars is **\$1350-1500.**

10:32 - Dalena asserts that in place of the MassJCL Board partnered with the MassSCL Board, the MassSCL will be solely in charge of Dollars for Scholars.

10:32 - Michael asserts that the hard deadline for tests is **FEBRUARY 4TH**

10:33 - Dalena announces an exciting development in testing - The Hellenic History and Greek exams will now be combined to make a Greek Civilization test. Dalena will ask on the Facebook group if anyone can write the Greek Civ. test.

10:34 - Will, having just left his position on the MassJCL board, explains that we need someone on the MassSCL board to communicate exclusively with the MassJCL Board. Both Will and Shreya volunteer to do so, so if one cannot communicate or be present at a meeting the other can. This year there was a lack of communication on both parts which may explain the disorganization of Dollars for Scholars, etc.

10:34 - Dalena has folders set up for the all the tests and has included cover pages for each one.

10:34 - On the topic of Boston Elite, Dalena has 13 question writers, most of the language questions are done, and the deadline for registration has been set for the week after Nationals. BLA has nine buzzer machines and BLS has 4. This year there will be no more buzzer fee replacements as we should have enough buzzers there in the first place.

10:36 - Michael suggests that at Boston Elite we raffle off a MassJCL State Convention Packet as incentive. The logistics of this would have to be explored but it should be relatively easy pending a discussion with the state chairs.

10:37 - Dalena continues to speak on the topic of Boston Elite. The main thing we need right now is volunteers. The BLSJCL can most likely volunteer. If need be, students can volunteer at the event. The other thing we need for Boston Elite is a packet for students/teachers. Will can do the flyer for the event and Dalena has the registration form done.

10:38 - Shreya suggests making the registration deadline the week before Boston Elite so we can place a flyer in the September Mailing packets. We also need to order medals and get books from Ted. We should order medals by July/August. In order to do so we should talk to Ms. Luong.

10:40 - Dalena brings up the topic of grading contests at States. The main issue is the discrepancy between grading creative tests and grading academic tests. Grading creative contests is difficult and less concrete, as a lot of the grading is left up to the discretion of a judge. We should take a look at the contest rubrics, revise them if need be, and establish the rubrics for judges and for the contest booklet (n.b. We need to speak to Anushree about the contest booklet timeline and deadline).

10:41 - Dalena and Michael bring up the concern of revenue. The main part of that concern is that we need more revenue. The question is whether or not we should create another event for the MassSCL. We could also create a venmo for the MassSCL to make life easier.

10:44 - Dalena asks that Will work on a flyer for ***end of June***. The Boston Elite packet should be done by late July - Dalena will send along the one Hanna did.

10:45 - Michael suggests that Will could make a video at Nationals about Boston Elite for advertisement purposes. Christina can help do so.

10:46 - Dalena asks whether or not it could be beneficial to incorporate college tours into Boston Elite for Advanced Certameners. It is agreed that this could be beneficial but incorporating BU into the event in the past has been notably difficult.

10:49 - Will is going to create a new scrapbook as the old one was lost/misplaced/has not resurfaced in a while, Dalena also asserts that we need a new constitution and we should be drafting a new one based upon old SCL constitutions. She notes that she cannot find one that is more current than the late 70s.

10:51 - Dalena asks Shreya to get the checkbook from Hanna as she's closest to her. Shreya agrees to do so.

10:52 - Dalena concludes the meeting

Meeting Concludes - 10:52 am