



Executive Board Meeting of the North Carolina Junior Classical League

January 16, 2021 via Zoom

1:00 PM

NCJCL Officers in Attendance: Harper de Andrade, Sophie Wilkins, Katrina Hu, Olivia Cole, Charles

Miller, Katherine Buchanan, Iris Henry

Chairs in Attendance: Bennett Henkel, Travis King, Magister Swanger, Magister Harris

Sponsors in Attendance: Melissa Lido

- I. Call to Order - Harper de Andrade - 1:15 PM
- II. Reading of Minutes from Sep 19th Meeting
 - A. Motion to dispense of the reading of minutes stated by Magister Harris and seconded by Katherine Buchanan.
- III. Financial Report - Bennett Henkel
 - A. We are in a financially sound state, having not spent much money this year or taken much money in.
 - B. Expenses: official zoom account, storage unit for State Convention things
 - C. Grace period for membership fees because some schools can't collect money.
 - D. Find another treasurer (Mr. McCants' 3 year term is coming to an end).
- IV. Officer Reports

A. President - Harper de Andrade

1. Wrote president's address for Fall Forum.
2. Discontinued the monthly email due to lack of interest.

B. 1st Vice President - Lauren Olarte

1. Absent

C. 2nd Vice President - Sophie Wilkins

1. Created spirit tutorial document.
2. Continued adding to the list of service project ideas.

D. Parliamentarian - Katherine Buchanan

1. Figuring out how to reach out to people to run for NCJCL office.
2. Run 2021-2022 elections in a similar fashion to this year's special elections.

There will be (1) a written application form and (2) a short speech given over flipgrid.
3. Goal: 2 candidates per office.

E. Communications Coordinator - Katrina Hu

1. Sent out a form and got feedback on Fall Forum.
 - a) Generally very positive reviews: members especially enjoyed trivia and the seminars.
 - b) Biggest thing to improve on is to stick to the schedule.

F. Torch Editor - Olivia Cole

1. Working on winter torch edition.

G. Historian - Iris Henry

1. Will send an email to sponsors about preconvention scrapbook submissions.
2. Encourage members to submit a virtual scrapbook.

- H. Middle School Representative - Charles Miller
 - 1. Will reach out to middle schools with latin that aren't in JCL.
- V. Certamen Coordinator - Magister Swanger
 - A. Welcome Magister Swanger from Thales Academy Rolesville!
 - B. Mr. Swanger is holding Raleigh invitationals in February. All teams interested are welcome to join!
 - C. State Convention Certamen will be held in a fashion pretty closely to Zoom-tamen model in Texas and at Nationals
 - 1. There is already a written guide for us to reference.
 - D. No shortage of question writers
 - E. We are considering holding a "Certamen Orientation" to introduce JCLers to Zoom-tamen before State Convention.
 - F. There will likely be no Certamen Qualifiers this year.
 - 1. State convention will have 3 rounds of qualifiers and 1 round of finals.
 - 2. We will have Open Certamen at State Convention.
- VI. Membership report - Bennett Henkel
 - A. We have a fewer number of schools this year.
 - B. However, for the schools that did join, the number of members for each school was similar to the number of members in previous years.
- VII. State Convention
 - A. Emphasis on pre-registration for competitions
 - B. Completely virtual convention
 - 1. We will likely need more than one zoom account.

2. School issued chromebooks will not allow participants to join break out rooms on their own.
3. For live contests, we will use one breakout room for performances and one break out room as “Holding”.
4. Mr. King will create a Discord or slack server for moderators, judges, chairs, and officers to communicate.

C. We may be holding a **joint convention with other states**.

1. Interested states: Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky, Pennsylvania
2. Gives JCLers the ability to meet JCLers from other states
3. For academic testing, we will use the same tests, but results sorted by states.
4. Share judges for creative arts
5. Ongoing virtual service projects for everyone to participate in.

D. Tentative schedule:

1. Friday evening 5:00pm - 9:00pm
 - a) Opening assembly
 - (1) We will have a specific opening assembly for each state, employing breakout rooms
 - b) Certamen prelims (3 rounds)
 - c) Essay contest
 - d) Board games (for all states)
2. Saturday 9:00am
 - a) Academic testing
 - b) Certamen finals
 - c) Seminars

d) Creative arts

E. No Olympika or Skit or Costume contests

F. Officer elections

1. So that more people may run for office, we are considering waiving or adjusting requirements for candidates.

a) For instance, this year, in order to run, a JCLer must have attended a previous State Convention OR Fall Forum.

2. Election corner with all the information

G. Preconvention contests

1. Spirit

a) Will be submitted in a video format before convention.

b) Officers judge spirit contests.

c) No sweepstakes points.

2. Graphic Arts

a) Take picture photos in a shared google drive.

(1) Some contests will be removed or combined with others.

(2) Participants may be asked to submit progress photos in addition to a picture of the finished work.

(3) A Google Form where candidates can write about their pieces.

(a) Require participants to answer questions about size and material.

(4) A rubric that emphasizes relevance to the classical world.

b) Face mask contest

H. Creative Arts

1. We will possibly hold Impromptu Art just for fun, not for sweepstakes points.
(Live)
 2. Dramatic Interpretation (Live)
 3. Latin Oratory (Live)
 4. English Oratory (Live)
 5. Sight Latin Reading (Live)
 6. Essay Contest
- I. We will be coordinating dates with other states.
1. We are planning on holding a multi-states board meeting in the near future.
- J. Adjournment - Harper de Andrade - 2:45 PM