



Executive Board Meeting of the North Carolina Junior Classical League

September 14, 2019 @ UNC-Greensboro

11:00 AM

Officers in attendance: Jillian Slade, Anna Trejo, Brice Niimi, Katherine Buchanan, Aislinn Niimi, Graham Curtis, Harper de Andrade, Nolan Heinrich

Sponsors in Attendance: Bennett Henkel, Melissa Lido, Travis King, Charles McCants

- I. Call to Order – Aislinn Niimi @ 11:09 am
- II. Reading of Minutes from May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - a. The motion, started by Graham Curtis and seconded by Harper de Andrade, is passed and the minutes are not read.
- III. Financial Report – Charles McCants
  - a. Mr. McCants was only recently been able to access the account, so he has just been “looking at numbers”
    - i. Mr. Henkel says that the amount of money slightly dropped in the 2018-19 year because we moved to Wake Forest University and it is more expensive

1. We are still in a really good place financially compared to most states

#### IV. Officer Reports

- a. President – Aislinn Niimi
  - i. Aislinn is working on an email list she calls the “President's Email”, which will provide information to local presidents from Aislinn herself
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Graham Curtis
  - i. Because of the 6000 national members lost in the last year, Graham plans to make his main priority increasing membership in preexisting chapters
    1. His main way of spreading what JCL is about will be through a Google folder with promotional material like flyers and videos
    2. Graham also mentioned the possibility of offering free/cheaper admissions for new chapters for NCJCL Conventions
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Brennan Latham
  - i. Brennan is absent and did not send in an officer report
- d. Parliamentarian – Katherine Buchanan
  - i. Katherine has ratified the constitution, which she will discuss later in the meeting
  - ii. Katherine also had a potential change to the convention handbook
    1. Many people have asked her about allowing group projects
- e. Secretary – Nolan Heinrich
  - i. Nolan has been taking notes at both of the meetings

ii. He, because of the decrease in membership in his local chapter, is

planning an in house certamen tournament at his local chapter

f. Torch Editor – Anna Trejo

i. Anna has created the general layout for all three Torches

ii. She has come up with several ways to get more people involved in reading  
and participating in the Torch

1. She mentioned having a “Best in Show” category with art

submissions from people in NCJCL

2. She also wants to highlight local chapters that put on events by  
letting them write a blurb about what they do to spread JCL

3. She wants to, in addition to the traditional ‘President’s Letter’,  
include memoirs from other officers

4. She also wants to have testimonies from people who attended  
Nationals to try to increase the nationals attendance this year

g. Historian – Harper de Andrade

i. Harper has been trying to come up with a theme for the scrapbook, but  
with this year’s theme, is finding it quite difficult

ii. Harper wants to include different types of student artwork in the state  
scrapbook

1. He is considering making it a high request to include student  
artwork in the local scrapbooks

h. Technology Coordinator – Kyle Nohren

- i. Kyle emailed his officer report in, but it consisted of a resignation
- i. Publicity Officer – Brice Niimi
  - i. Brice has started on the state proclamation
  - ii. He wants to publicize the publicity contests on the website and social media accounts
- j. Middle School Representative – Jillian Slade
  - i. Jillian has started a document with schools that do not have JCL
  - ii. She is creating an email to invite these schools without JCL to fall forum

## V. Coordinator Reports

- a. Certamen – Travis King
  - i. Mr. King is not technically on the board as he has served his full term and cannot technically be on the board until after a one year hiatus
  - ii. Mr. King has moved to a new school
    - 1. His new email is [kingt4@gcsnc.com](mailto:kingt4@gcsnc.com)
  - iii. He will still try to put together Fall Forum Certamen
- b. State Convention – Danetta Genung
  - i. Mrs. Genung was not able to attend, but she has reserved April 3-4 for State Convention at Wake Forest University
- c. State Chair/Membership – Bennet Henkel
  - i. Mr. Henkel plans to help all sponsors as needed
  - ii. He is considering renting a bus out of Durham to go to Nationals
    - 1. He will look into contacting other states as well

- iii. Mr. Henkel wants to create a new additional convention scholarship
  - 1. This scholarship would be given to a first time national attendee
- iv. The NCSCL for college students has also been reinstated

VI. Fall Forum – Melissa Lido

- a. Fall Forum is going to follow the same schedule as last year:
  - i. Start at 8:30, 9:00 for General Assembly, Classics Day at 9:30, Workshops at 11:00, Lunch at 11:30, and Certamen at 1:00
- b. We will have officer workshops this year
  - i. The workshops for this year will be:
    - 1. Running for Office (Katherine and Nolan),
    - 2. Scrapbook (Harper),
    - 3. Membership (Graham),
    - 4. How 2 JCL (Aislinn),
    - 5. And Spirit and Service (Brennan and Brice)
      - a. Katherine suggested that a large chunk of the time needs to be answering questions
  - ii. The voted on theme for Fall Forum is “Just Keep Swimmin”
    - 1. Tabled theme ideas for later are
      - a. “Dive into JCL; We’re Gonna Need a Bigger Boat”, “Now you see 20/20”, and “Shakira; Try Everything”
  - c. Mrs. Lido suggested that all pictures should be sent straight to Brice, instead of through her to Brice

VII. Classics Day – UNCG Classics Society

- a. Gladiators, Tombstone making, Sacrifices, and Weddings were all really good last year
- b. It was asked that all acts be performed inside so that the audience can hear them
  - i. It was also brought up that the plays could be performed immediately after General Assembly
- c. This year, the UNCG CS wants to have an epic reading and reenactment of Laocoön, then Helen leading leading a charge outside to the rest of the booths
  - i. The UNCG CS wants to give masks to each chapter, representing that they are all in the play as well
  - ii. They also want to have a Pottery Painting station
    - 1. They have reserved the Cone Ballroom just in case of rain
  - iii. The best booths from previous years that were suggested for this year are:
    - 1. The Trivia Booth, Roman Names, The Oracle, Cosmetics, and Roman Clothing
  - iv. The UNCG Classics Society has already reserved campus photographers for Fall Forum
  - v. There will probably not be any chapter run booths this year

VIII. New Business

- a. Voting on new Constitution
- b. Restructuring of Convention handbook
- c. Vacancy of Tech Coordinator

IX. Constitution Discussion

- a. The following amendments were voted upon and passed
  - i. Amending Article V, Section 3 to say “The Parliamentarian will call a State of Emergency if there are fewer than two pre-filed nominees for a specific office.”
- b. When referring to the vacancy of a Coordinator
  - 1. Remove all uses of the phrase “learn the ropes”
  - 2. Keep the term “1 year hiatus”, and add a state of emergency as interim
    - a. If no replacement for a coordinator can be found, a previous coordinator can take an interim

X. Officer and Coordinator Vacancies

- a. The motion passed to make Graham Curtis the interim Tech Coordinator
  - i. An announcement will be made at Fall Forum about calling for a State of Emergency for the position of Technology Coordinator
- b. The motion passes to make Mr. King the interim Certamen Coordinator

XI. Adjournment – Aislinn Niimi @ 1:39 pm