



Executive Board Meeting of the North Carolina Junior Classical League

January 22, 2022 @ Zoom

12:00 p.m.

NCJCL Officers in Attendance: Iris Henry, Nick Smemoe, Charles Miller, Eithan Ackerman, Caleb Chapman, Emily Rillie, and Shazad Singh

Chairs in Attendance: Bennett Henkel, Phil Swanger, and Travis King

- I. Call to Order - Iris Henry - 12:05 p.m.
 - A. Reading of Minutes from September Meeting
 1. Motion to dispense of the reading of minutes stated by Emily Rillie. Motion passed.
- II. Financial Report - Charles McCants (absent)
 - A. Mr. Henkel reports that finances are good. NCJCL is not making money or losing money. Also, the price of the storage unit in Winston Salem for state convention has increased.
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President - Iris Henry
 1. Wrote amendments to the Constitution
 2. Classics journal called Vita- art forms for Greco-Roman culture
 - a) Helps with pre-convention

3. Email to chapter presidents
 - a) Direct communication with chapter presidents
 - b) Run for state convention, preconvention deadlines, etc.
- B. 1st Vice President - Nick Smemoe
 1. Reviewed amendments
 2. Reviewed role for state convention
- C. 2nd Vice President - Charles Miller
 1. Idea for classical toy drive for a service project at state convention
 2. Simplify rigid spirit rubric
- D. Parliamentarian - Eithan Ackerman
 1. Participated in NJCL parliamentarian group chat
 2. Worked on amendments for the constitution
- E. Historian - Caleb Chapman
 1. Pictures from previous events into state scrapbook
 2. Will add more pictures after the February 4th Certamen Event
- F. Communications Coordinator - Emily Rillie
 1. Updated NCJCL website and Instagram in a timely manner, sharing information about upcoming events and photo of the month contests
- G. Torch Editor - Shazad Singh
 1. Finished the first Torch
 2. 2nd edition of the Torch
 - a) 1 month before state convention
- H. Middle School Representative - James Miller

1. Absent- report stated that he shared information middle schools with Latin but do not have JCL chapters

IV. Coordinator Reports

A. Fall Forum Coordinator- Lee Harris

1. No report

B. Certamen Coordinator- Phil Swanger

1. Fall Forum Certamen went well
 - a) Increased involvement from previous years from COVID
 - b) February 4th event- Raleigh area and Asheville area should have enough participants
2. State Convention for Certamen Conflicts
 - a) Qualifiers- weekend right before state convention
 - (1) Saturday, April 22nd
 - b) Semi-finals on the weekend of convention

C. State Convention Coordinator- Travis King

1. Ideal location: Wake Forest University
 - a) Would be expensive
 - b) First convention at a university after COVID
 - c) State convention would be Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th
2. Wishes to hear back from his contacts from the classics department at Wake Forest University
3. If the state convention cannot be held at a university, then it will be held at Page high school. Convention dates would then be Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th

4. Preconvention contest deadline- Friday, March 10th- 7 weeks for judging
 - a) Students not judging because sponsors are judging the contests
5. Certamen Qualifiers
 - a) Saturday, April 22nd at West Forsyth
6. Teams register for both Certamen qualifiers for state convention

D. State Chair/Membership- Bennett Henkel

1. Trips to Nationals- who is going and from where in the state
2. Having a contest writing group between states
3. Same tests and essay contests as other states at state convention

V. State Convention

A. Dates

1. Preconvention Deadline
 - a) Friday, March 10th
2. Certamen
 - a) State Convention for Certamen Conflicts
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B. Spirit Theme

1. Simplified version of national theme (Horace 1.11)- nautical theme

C. Events

1. Do all the stuff as pre-COVID that is listed in the handbook.
 - a) Only rework a few things
2. Chairs for categories for events

- a) Academic chair, testing chair, Certamen chair, creative chari, graphic arts chair, Olympika chair
- 3. There will be no chariot race this year due to insurance costs.
- 4. Make small updates to the state handbook

D. Elections

1. Elections

a) Amendments

(1) Filing candidacy sooner rather than late; make forms accessible

(a) About a month in advance

(2) Problems of states of emergency

(a) Getting people to run

(3) Send out stuff about running for office

(4) Email list for chapter presidents

(5) Student officers are aware of things coming up

(6) Send out emails to sponsors

b) Amendment Idea- make Fall Forum the only prerequisite for running for office

(1) Vague verbiage- a Fall Forum can count instead of a state convention

(a) All offices except for president qualifying attendance

only have to attend Fall Forum to run for office

c) Add 22-23 membership to the membership folder

d) Amendments official?

(1) Only 5 people voted

(2) Publish edited Constitution to the website

2. Officers in charge of different contests

- a) President- creative writing- Iris
- b) 1st VP- Organizes judging; poetry- Nick
- c) Parliamentarian Chariot design- Eithan
- d) Historian- Scrapbook- Caleb
- e) Communications Coordinator- modern myth and website- Emily
- f) Middle school representative- classical meme- James
- g) All student officers judge spirit
- h) Sponsors to run contests

VI. Adjournment- Iris Henry- 12:54 p.m.

A. Eithan moved to adjourn the meeting, and Caleb seconded.