

TSJCL Fall Board Meeting
Jesuit College Preparatory, Dallas, Texas
September 15, 2018

- I. Call to Order
Carl Quist, *TSJCL President*, calls the meeting to order at 10:27 A.M.
- II. Attendance

- III. Old Business
 - A. Minutes from TSJCL Spring Board Meeting, Grant Morrison, *TSJCL Secretary*
Carl Quist entertains motions to approve the minutes pending spelling edits to the minutes.
Jude Farrell so moves.
Nour Kassem seconds the motion.
The motion passes.
Carl Quist entertains motions to give the secretary discretion to apply all stylistic changes at a later date.
Will Snider so moves.
Helen He seconds the motion.
The motion passes.
 - B. Officer reports:

President's Report

Since the last meeting, I attended the National Junior Classical League Convention, participating in all my duties at the Convention, such as attending NomCom, ConCom, and Open Forum. I led all the State Fellowship meetings. After Convention, I began planning the Fall Board Meeting to be held at Jesuit College Prep of Dallas, writing the invitation letter and setting the agenda. I selected the theme (pending the Board's approval) for the upcoming State Convention, revised English Oratory Rules and wrote my Officer Report. I also assisted Outreach Coordinator Will Snider in hunting down resources and ideas for his Spirit Plan, as well as keeping in touch with the other officers. To plan the Meeting, I worked with Jesuit and Ms Jones to secure the facilities, plan meals, and work out transportation.

1st Vice President's Report

Since the last board meeting, I attended Nationals, where I held the signs during spirit contests, started networking with other state officers, and gave an extremely impromptu address at the first fellowship. Since then I have revised both the academic rules as well as the certamen rules for the 2018-19 school year. I have contacted and received quotes from several trophy companies in both Dallas and Austin, and in the next few days will be selecting the company which will provide the awards for the 2019 state convention.

2nd Vice President's Report

I attended Nationals at Miami University in July with most of my fellow officers. We attended state fellowships every night and were able to bond over the course of that week. Since then I've worked on drafting prompts for the creative writing contest and the research paper contest, with the help of my wonderful mentor Ms. Read and my amazing Latin teacher Ms. Wenzlaff. I've also worked on revising the Classical Civilization rules for 2018-2019 and fixed the formatting. Two changes were proposed: one to state that no liquids will be permitted in the art contests and another to clarify that play scripts must be sent to Area D Chairs.

Secretary's Report

Since the spring board meeting I have attended Nationals with the TSJCL, helped lead spirit and meet other officers from other states. I have written the membership letter for the membership packet, and compiled the list of addresses and information for confirmed and potential schools that are a part of TSJCL.

Outreach Coordinator's Report

Since the last board meeting, I organized and led Spirit at the National Convention and created a TSJCL Snapchat. I have been operating the TSJCL social media accounts. I also edited the Ludi Multimedia Rules and created plans for TSJCL social media, Spirit, and service projects for the upcoming year to be approved by the board.

Parliamentarian's Report

At the national convention I attended Nomination Committee. I also attended Nom Cons. I lead the voting delegate to vote for candidates and approve changes to the NJCL Constitution and Bylaws. I also attended fellowship every night.

Since the national convention, I created and sent an interest google form for those interested in TSJCL office. I also proposed three changes to bylaws and amendments, however, I was only approved by my mentor to present one to the board. Lastly, I wrote a running for office letter to be included in the September membership packet.

Historian's Report

Since the last meeting, I completed the State Scrapbook (which won sixth!). I attended the 2018 National Convention. This allowed me to connect with other Historians and Editors on Local, State, and National levels. We discussed various programs, potential content, communication methods, and how to increase submissions. I also took a number of photos and videos at Convention, which have since then been edited and uploaded to the TSJCL Flickr. I have been proactively sifting through potential themes for the 2018-2019 State Scrapbook. Lastly, I have revised the rules for the Publicity and Scrapbook contests, as well as the Ludi Illustrated Quotes and Ludi Cartoons Contests.

Editor's Report

Since my appointment, I perused the rules of the Editor position. I attended Nationals, where I took many pictures for the Fall edition of the Torch. This past month I wrote the Fall edition of the Torch, which focused on a reflection of National Convention. The first draft of the Fall edition is included in this folder. Additionally, I reevaluated the rules of the Photography and T-Shirt Contests. Finally, I compiled resources and generated ideas for the Winter edition of the Torch, which will focus on inspiration for creative contests and building up hype for Area and State Convention.

Webmaster's Report

Since the last meeting I've removed some old website content to make room for this year's new content, including Join info, state convention

rules, and past officer profiles. I also worked on helping all new officers access their TSJCL email and Dropbox accounts (contact me if any of you still have trouble logging in). I have profile info for all officers (yay!), and I hope to get photos at the end of today's meeting to finish up the website profiles. I've also redesigned the calendar page to make viewing events more convenient, since TSJCL events are a bit spread out.

Area A Chair's Report

As of this moment we of Area A have determined that the proficiency of the Vocal contest concerning state is adequate and we have decided as of this moment to not make any changes. However, that is just the present verdict and can be subject to change.

Area B Chair's Report

Since the Spring Board meeting, Clarissa has attended Nationals where she helped with the organization of Spirit Props for the Spirit Days of convention. We (both Clarissa and Tatianna) have also revised the rules for Latin Oratory. We plan on designating committees among Clark's Latin club officers to help organize different aspects of the upcoming area convention. We plan on walking the Clark campus within the next week to designate areas of competition to certain parts of the school. We also plan on shopping for trophies and ribbons in the upcoming week. The date for the Area B convention has been set at February 23rd, 2019 at Tom C. Clark High School.

Area C Chair's Report

Since the spring meeting we sent the props for the Cincinnatus Had a Farm spirit day, visors and bandannas, to the National Convention. After the beginning of the school year I have started to inform the Latin program at school of the upcoming Area convention and we will soon be having additional elections. The convention will be held on February 23, 2019 at Baylor University. I have also revised the rules for the costume contest.

Area D Chair's Report

Since the spring board meeting, we have attended the National Latin Convention at Miami University with our wonderful teacher. In preparation for that, we organized and packed six very heavy boxes of snazzy t-shirts for the Texas delegation. At convention, we helped to lead spirit and nightly fellowship, and we also met tons of really wonderful JCLers from in state and out of state. Since nationals, we have informed our school and club of the impending doom, which we call Area Latin Convention. The Area D Latin Convention will be held February 2, 2019 at Ascension Academy. We have also revised the play rules for the 2018-2019 school year.

Area F Chair's Report

Since the last board meeting, we attended Nationals, at which we coordinated spirit on Wednesday for the purple and gold theme. We have also set up committees within our Latin Club to start organizing and planning for the Area F Convention. The talent show rules have been revised for the 2018-2019 school year; we have also revised last year's talent show poster to create a couple potential 2019 posters. Included on the flyer is the audition sign up form, which must be completed by March 1, 2019.

Convention Coordinators' Report

Since last board meeting, Jude attended Nationals, and has since begun contacting food trucks for the State Convention. He also started organizing entertainment for the convention. Katiana began recruiting helpers from her Latin Club and is working with the NHS president to recruit more volunteers. Katiana has also reserved hotels around Austin and has worked with Mr. Ellis to begin room allocations for the State Convention. We currently have January 12th reserved for the winter board meeting but can also do the 5th if it is more convenient.

IV. New Business

A. Trophy report: Luke Martin, *TSJCL First Vice President*

Luke got two quotes: Blue Ribbon in Plano & Trophies, Inc, in Dallas. He will provide all ribbons, and drive them himself.

State Chair remind Luke that there are a large amount of trophies, and recommend using a trophy company in Austin or at least nearer.

- B. Proposed 2018-2019 Budget: Abby Ostmo, *TSJCL Treasurer*
Carl Quist entertains motions to approve the budget.
Jude Farrell so moves.
Grant Morrison seconds the motion.
The motion passes.

Proposed Budget Report 2018-2019

Treasurer: Abby Ostmo

Starting Balance: \$66,780.03

Expected Balance Forward: \$61,000.03

Expected Income	\$111,395.00
State Convention Income	\$95,000.00
Membership Dues	\$10,000.00
Nationals T-Shirts	\$5,900.00
Scholarship Donation	\$495.00

Expected Expenditures	\$117,175.00
Board Meetings	\$15,000.00
Travel to Board Meetings	\$12,000.00
Expenses for Board Meetings	\$3,000.00
State Convention	\$71,893.00
Food	\$45,000.00
Facilities (maintenance, security, nurse, etc.)	\$3,500.00
Trophies	\$4,000.00
T-shirts & Teacher/Chaperone favors	\$4,500.00
Supplies (pencils, printing, etc.)	\$2,000.00
Laptops	\$2,400.00
Convention Host Stipend	\$2,500.00
Grading Room Personnel	\$2,500.00
Colloquia Honoraria & Travel expenses	\$3,200.00
Insurance	\$693.00
Talent Show Prizes	\$100.00
Miscellaneous (programs, bouncey house, DJ, etc.)	\$1,500.00

Scholarships	\$3,795.00
Latin Student of the Year	\$1,500.00
Aristotle Award	\$495.00
Contribution to Texas Classical Association scholarship	\$1,050.00
Contribution to NJCL Doris Kays scholarship	\$750.00
National Convention	\$22,761.00
Registration for Officers (17 officers @ \$495.00 each)	\$8,415.00
Registration for Certamen Players (15 players @ \$495.00 each)	\$7,425.00
Spirit Props	\$800.00
T-Shirts	\$6,121.00
Officer Budgets	\$1,000.00
President	\$50.00
1 st VP	\$50.00
2 nd VP	\$50.00
Secretary	\$50.00
Outreach Coordinator	\$50.00
Historian	\$300.00
Treasurer	\$50.00
Parliamentarian	\$50.00
Editor	\$300.00
Webmaster	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,726.00
TSJCL Officer Pins (20 pins/year @ \$33.00 each)	\$660.00
TXSCL Officer Pins (6 officers @ \$33.00 each)	\$198.00
Storage Unit (\$68.00/month)	\$816.00
Membership Packets	\$700.00
Web Hosting	\$50.00

Post Office Box	\$102.00
Accountant Appreciation	\$200.00

C. Membership Packet: Grant Morrison, *TSJCL Secretary*

Grant Morrison presents his welcome letter to the board for approval, and it is reviewed for typos, grammatical edits, and date changes.

Carl Quist entertains motions to approve the Membership Letter.

Grant Morrison so moves.

Luke Martin seconds the motion.

The motion passes.

Carl Quist entertains motions to recess for lunch.

Alex Moree so moves.

Faith Padgett seconds.

Recess at 11:49 PM.

Meeting reconvenes at 1:14 PM.

D. Parliamentarian's letter: Ashley Xie, *TSJCL Parliamentarian*

Luke Martin moves to approve the letter.

Nathan Shelton seconds.

Motion passes.

Revision of Rules:

Ashley Xie proposes that in order to comply and agree with the NJCL bylaws regarding requirements for running for office, the TSJCL bylaws should reflect the National qualifications, specifically, that candidates who have completed all available levels of Latin, Greek, or otherwise classical course, said candidate is still eligible for running for office. Under current TSJCL rules, candidates must be enrolled in a Latin, Greek, or otherwise classical language or civilization course during their term order to be eligible, regardless of whether or not the school offers any courses at their level.

Carl Quist entertains motions to open the floor for discussion.

Jude Farrell moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.

Katiana Soenen seconds.

Floor opens at 1:24 PM.

Luke Martin argues that the TSJCL is a part of the NJCL, so our bylaws should reflect theirs. *[Editorial note: This is not true. TSJCL is a wholly separate organization from NJCL with its own constitution & bylaws.]*

William Lee argues that if a student does not have a class with their sponsor every day, it will be much more difficult to keep on track with their assignments and responsibilities as officer.

Floor closes at 1:29 PM.

Jude Farrell moves to reopen the floor for three minutes.

Katiana Soenen seconds.

Floor opens at 1:30 PM.

Grant Morrison says that even students enrolled in classics courses do not necessarily see their sponsor on a daily basis. Some students have rotating schedules, and other have language or classical teachers who are not their sponsor or involved in the JCL.

Floor closes at 1:33 PM.

Grant Morrison moves to reopen the floor for seven minutes.

Troy Shouten seconds the motion.

Floor opens at 1:34 PM.

Nathan Wade offers the prospect of a waiver to be signed, and reminds the assembly that all candidates must be in good standing with and have the endorsement of their school or chapter, and so any officer running could still be denied candidacy by their chapter or sponsor.

William Lee says that this rule would override rules of his personal chapter, and parents would complain if he denied membership to his personal chapter to a student not enrolled in a classics course.

Grant Morrison says that this would have no bearing on chapter membership, only officer candidacy, and reminds the assembly that schools still have every right to deny candidacy for a state office if they see fit.

Floor closes at 1:40 PM.

Katiana Soenen moves to reopen the floor for ten minutes.

Helen He seconds the motion.

Floor opens at 1:40 PM.

Emma Schmidt says that there could be a clause added permitting only candidates who have been officers before, or who have the approval of the state board before submitting candidacy.

Grant Morrison says that this will allow students who have passion for office and state service to have the opportunity to work as a board member and who are disadvantaged by the shortcomings of their school or inaccessibility of courses or simply a different order for classes, many who have taken all years, only earlier than another

candidate of equal qualification.

William Lee says that this needs to be put to a vote, and that there should be no further discussion on the topic so that the board may move on to other topics of conversation.

Floor closes at 1:46 PM.

Carl Quist moves to vote on the issue.

Sarah Emerson seconds the motion.

Katiana Soenen moves to vote in favor.

Jude Farrell seconds the motion.

Vote is tied. Carl Quist votes to deny the bill as a tie breaking vote.

Motion fails. Amendment will not go to General Assembly.

E. Contest Rules Revisions.

i. English Oratory Contest: *TSJCL President*, Carl Quist

Carl Quist noted that he added a caveat to ensure that contestants know there is a penalty for exceeding the time limit.

Proposed theme is “Cantantes licet usque, minus via laedit, eamus.” (“Let us go singing as we go; the road will be less tedious.”) - Virgil’s *Bucolics*: Book IX, line 64

ii. Academic Contests and Certamen Rules: *TSJCL 1st Vice President*, Luke Martin

Luke Martin explained that he added a clarifying clause to Certamen Rules that teams after preliminary rounds will proceed to consolation rounds.

In the Academic Rules, Luke clarified the parameters of the time periods that will be covered by the Roman History contest.

iii. Classical Civilization Contests: *TSJCL 2nd Vice President*, Nour Kassem

Nour explained the changes:

Added a clause stating that no liquids will be accepted as part of entries in competition (issue with spillage at last year’s convention)

Deadline for submission of pre-judged contests is March 8th

Clarified that play scripts do not go to 2nd Vice President but instead to Area D Chair.

Creative writing theme: Imagine that Aeneas is on trial for abandonment of Dido of Carthage in a modern American Courtroom. Give your closing remarks to the jury as either a prosecutor or defense attorney.

iv. Publicity Contest, Scrapbook Contests, and Ludi Illustrated Quotes and Ludi Cartoons Contests: Historian, Faith Padgett

Faith Padgett introduces a proposal to upgrade Quotes and Cartoons from Ludi to Classical Civilization in order to allow participants to earn sweepstakes points. Trend since these two contests were introduced as Ludi shows great participation in them.

Carl Quist entertains motions to approve rule changes.

Jude Farrell so moves.

Grant Morrison seconds.

The motion passes.

v. Photography and T-shirt Contests: Editor, Nicole Stachowiak

Updated years, quotation, and contact info for t-shirt contest

vi. Vocal Contest: Area A Chair, Alex Moree

Proposed change to split the Vocal Solo contest into two categories to facilitate faster judging of the entrants.

Carl Quist entertains motions to open the floor.

Alex Moree moves to open the floor for three minutes.

Will Snider seconds the motion.

Floor opens at 2:40 P.M.

Shawn Jennings, Area A sponsor, suggests that they separating contests by gender.

Lauren Dill, State Co-Chair, suggests a split by vocal parts, as some younger boys are still in soprano/alto range & some girls may sing tenor.

Floor closes at 2:43 PM.

Nathan Shelton moves to split vocal solo contest into two contests: a soprano-alto category and a tenor-bass category.

Helen He seconds the motion.

The motion passes.

vii. Latin Oratory Contest: Area B Chairs, Clarissa Valenciano and Tatianna Saenz

No changes

viii. Costume Contest: Area C Chair, Sarah Emerson

Updates to costume characters as determined by NJCL. No other changes.

ix. Play Contest: Area D Chairs, Troy Schouten and Nathan Shelton

Rule update to require a translation of script in English, if play is performed in Latin, since some play judges may not be Latin teachers or otherwise knowledgeable of Latin.

x. Talent Show Contest: Area F Chairs, Lorelei Ing and Emma Schmidt
Edition to parameters, reminding all acts to be in good taste and containing no insensitive content.

Showed a few options for promotional flyers. Some unofficial discussion of them, but final approval of flyers tabled until Winter meeting.

xi. Ludi Multimedia: Outreach Coordinator, Will Snider

Clarified some wording around types of media files allowed & clarity on copyright rules for music/image use in entries.

All minor updates to Academic, Certamen, & Classical Civilization contest rules are approved by acclamation.

Area convention updates from Area chairs:

A: February 9th Clear Lake High School, Houston

B: February 23rd Clark High School, San Antonio

C: February 23rd Baylor University, Waco

D: February 2nd Ascension Academy, Amarillo

F: February 22nd & 23rd St. Andrew's Upper School, Austin

State Convention Update, Jude Farrell, *Convention Coordinator*

State will be held April 5th and 6th at Anderson in Austin. In the Dropbox there is a link from which you can book hotels in the area as well as a list of suggestions for things to do around Austin. Planners want to do away with nametags around the neck; instead something that would indicate name, school, code, and dots to designate meals.

Planners are trying to streamline fun activities, have gotten two dance teachers, two yoga teachers, a chess tournament head, working on live music, movie projectors, and bouncy houses. UT Quidditch team could possibly run a clinic.

TXSCL Report:

A new t shirt design to sell at state, and 12 new members.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Wade debate about sweepstakes rules, but agree to table further discussion for the winter board meeting.

Carl Quist entertains motions to adjourn.

Luke Martin so moves.

Jude Farrell seconds the motion.

The motion passes.

Adjournment: 3:48 pm

Officers & Sponsor meet with their State Chair mentors to discuss next steps.