**TEXAS STATE JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE**

Agenda for the Winter Board Meeting

Clear Falls High School

League City, Texas

January 18th, 2020

1. **Call to Order and Attendance**

***Attendance***

Troy Schouten *President*

Lorelei Ing *First Vice President*

Devansh Dalal *Second Vice President*

Kagan Baker *Outreach Coordinator*

Katiana Soenen *Secretary*

Urvi Alamela *Parliamentarian*

Aubrey Falkiewice *Treasurer Proxy*

Emma Schmidt *Historian*

Monique Hoarau *Editor*

Pranav Yalamanchili *Webmaster*

Trinity Ramm and Lan Nguyen *Area A chairs*

Thelo Lewis *Area B Chair*

Abigail Rieger *Area C Chair*

Jessica Liu *Area D Chair*

Shivani Lam and Carter Wiese *Area F Chairs*

Brian Earle and Alivia Mayfield *Convention Coordinators*

Lauren Dill *State Chair*

William Lee *State Chair*

Kimberly Read *State Chair*

Mary Beinemann *State Chair*

Miranda Wenzlaff *State Chair*

Josh Dollar *Area D Sponsor*

Courtney Herring *Area C Sponsor*

Melisande Santos *Second VP Sponsor*

Kenny Van Eimeren *Area B Sponsor*

William Mckinnerney *SCL*

Andy Ellis *Secretary Sponsor*

Michael Waehner *Convention Host*

Jennie Luongo *First VP and Historian Sponsor*

Paula Read and Larry Martin *Area D and Webmaster Sponsors*

Troy Schouten calls the meeting to order at 10:17 AM.

1. **Old Business**
   1. Minutes from the Fall Board Meeting: *Secretary Katiana Soenen*

The board reviews minutes from the 2019 Fall Board Meeting.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to move to voting.

Devansh Dalal so moves.

Lorelei Ing seconds the motion.

The motion passes.

Devansh Dalal moves to approve the minutes.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 12:06 PM.

The minutes are approved.

* 1. **Officer Reports**
     1. ***President Troy Schouten***

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I sent out the official invitation and agenda for the Winter Board Meeting. I have revised the English Oratory judging sheets, as well as completing this here Officer Report. I have looked at passages for the new Greek Sight Recitation event this year, as well as pronunciation and alphabet guides. I was involved in the State President Skype Call with the NJCL President.

* + 1. ***First Vice President Lorelei Ing***

Since the last board meeting, I have updated the Dramatic Interpretation and Sight recitation sheets. This includes updating the DI judging sheet with this year’s NJCL passages and updating various sign- in sheets. I have gone over the trophy outline with my mentor and should be placing and finalizing the order within the coming weeks.

* + 1. ***Second Vice President Devansh Dalal***

Since the last board meeting, I have updated the Classical Civilization rules and am in the process of procuring judges for the poetry, research papers and creative writing contests.

* + 1. ***Secretary Katiana Soenen***

Since the last board meeting, I have edited the minutes from the fall board meeting and uploaded them to the Dropbox. I also put together and sent out all membership packets before early October. In total, I sent out 188 packets. Since then, I have started contacting colloquia speakers. As of now, the process has been a bit slow-going as there is another classics conference on the same day as the state convention, but I will continue to reach out to potential speakers, and I am confident that we will have a good number for the convention.

* + 1. ***Treasurer Merissa Hall***

TSJCL Treasurer’s Report

January 18th, 2019

Merissa hall

Starting Balance (September 1, 2019):  $55,138.42

Balance at Hand: $47,879.78

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| **Income** | **$8,866.46** |
| State Convention Payments | $6,835.00 |
| 2019 NJCL T-Shirt Sales | $45.00 |
| Donations | $3.27 |
| Repayment of Accidental Debit Card Use | $24.85 |
| Membership | $1,958.34 |

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| **Expenditures** | **$16,125.10** |
| Storage | $ 204.00 |
| FBM Travel | $6,743.56 |
| FBM Food | $332.95 |
| Webhosting, Privacy Policy Service, and ISA Fee | $98.32 |
| State Convention Fund | 8,100.00 |
| NJCL Convention Registration | $110.00 |
| Spirit Props | $110.29 |
| New Treasurer’s Bag | $95.25 |
| Mistaken Use of Debit Card (to be refunded) | $11.20 |
| Membership Packet Mailout | $319.53 |

* + 1. ***Outreach Coordinator Kagan Baker***

Since the last board meeting, I ran the TSJCL Social Media informing everyone of National and State Happenings, finished the updated multimedia judging sheets, worked with the Houston DePelchin Children’s Center and worked to create a service project activity that was interactive and worthwhile.

* + 1. ***Historian Emma Schmidt***

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I have downloaded the creative cloud apps that I will use to make the Texas scrapbook in. I have also updated the judging sheets for the publicity, poster, illustrated quotes, cartoons, and scrapbook contests. Finally, I have submitted to the monthly photo of the month contests and contacted some of the local historians in Texas that I met at Nationals.

* + 1. ***Parliamentarian Urvi Alamela***

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I have drafted three proposed Amendments to the TSJCL Constitution and Bylaws. I continued to reach out to possible candidates in person and now have 10 interested candidates. I am in the process of sending out another letter to the sponsors to hopefully encourage more candidates from different chapters to run. I’m also starting a social media campaign in the form of posts on Instagram including an interesting graphic of each elected officer and a mini “interview” explaining their position even further. Hopefully, this will spark interest as well.

* + 1. ***Editor Monique Hoarau***

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I have written and published the TSJCL Fall Torch. I have started drafting the TSJCL Winter Torch, and I have started planning for the mid-State TSJCL Torch.

* + 1. ***Webmaster Pranav Yalamanchili***

I have updated all necessary forms on the current website. The widget for our Instagram feed was shut down, so I replaced the old feed with a new one. I am currently working on creating a template for a new TSJCL website with an updated look but the same basic functionality on SquareSpace.

* + 1. ***Area A Chairs Lan Nguyen and Trinity Ramm***

Since the Fall Board Meeting, we have revised the Vocal Contest rules and judging sheets. Paper, pencils, scantrons, awards, and wristbands for the convention have been ordered and delivered to Klein Collins. Registration packets for the Area A 2020 convention have been sent out by our sponsor, Mr. Drugan. We have contacted our vendor and campus financial secretary to organize the food order and delivery come convention day—February 22, 2020.

* + 1. ***Area B Chair Thelo Lewis***

Since the Fall Meeting, I have contacted food trucks, planned for a book drive at the Area B convention with Give More HUGS, and updated and presented the registration packet for the Area B convention to the San Antonio Classical Society.

* + 1. ***Area C Chair Abby Rieger***

Since the last board meeting, we have set up and launched the registration website and secured catering from Jason’s Deli for lunches. We have inventoried ribbons from last year and planned our order for ribbons/ trophies. We have started assigning testing and contest rooms and have put out a call for student and adult volunteers.

In preparation for this meeting, we have updated the judges’ guidelines and judges’ sheets for the costume contest.

* + 1. ***Area D Chair Jessica Liu***

Since the fall board meeting, I have revised the play judging sheets and registration forms for Area D Convention. Information about the convention to the teachers in the area have been sent out. I have ordered pencils and will order trophies in the near future. I will meet with Mrs. Read and Mr. Martin to plan the bulk of the convention after Christmas break.

* + 1. ***Area F Chairs Shivani Lam and Carter Wiese***

Since the Fall Board Meeting, we have finalized the program, room assignments, and updated online registration for the upcoming Area F Convention. We have also begun recruiting volunteers through NHS, Student Council, and our local chapter. The meals for Friday dinner and Saturday lunch have been finalized, and we are in the process of settling a donation for Saturday’s breakfast. We have also begun taking inventory of trophies and ribbons in order to place an order if needed. In preparation for this meeting, we have edited the talent show scoring sheets for both the auditions and performances and created two flyer options for the talent show with printer-friendly versions.

* + 1. ***Convention Coordinators Anna Mayfield and Brian Earle***

Since the Fall Board Meeting we have planned a tentative schedule of events and locations for the State Convention, updated the Convention Registration Materials, contacted our school district about catering the convention (and today’s lunch), sourced quotes for name tags, bounce houses, etc. We ordered pencils, designed a preliminary Convention shirt design, and acquired quotes from different t-shirt printing companies.

* 1. **TXSCL Report**

There is no TXSCL report at the meeting.

1. **New Business**
   1. **Convention Site Tour: *Convention Coordinators Anna Mayfield and Brian Earle***

All board tours school at 10:20 AM.

Return at 11:47 AM

Troy Schouten entertains motions to recess for lunch.

Thelo Lewis so moves. Carter Weise seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 12:19 PM.

The meeting resumes at 1:38 PM.

* 1. **Contest Judging Sheets:**

1. **English Oratory: *President Troy Schouten***

Troy Schouten reviews changes made to English Oratory rules. The changes reflected those made at the last meeting and mostly included clarification and date changes.

1. **Dramatic Interpretation and Sight Recitation: *1st VP Lorelei Ing***

Lorelei Ing reviews changes made to the Dramatic Interpretation and Sight Recitation rules. The changes reflected those made at the last meeting and mostly included clarification and date changes.

1. **Classical Civilization Contests: *2nd VP Devansh Delal***

Davansh Dalal reviews changes made to Classical Civilization contests. The prompts were updated, and slight changes were made to scoring as reflected in the score sheet.

1. **Publicity, Poster, Illustrated Quotes, Cartoons, and Scrapbook Contests: *Historian Emma Schmidt***

Emma Schmidt reviews changes made to contest rules. A $40 budget limit was added to the scrapbook contest.

1. **Multimedia Contest: *Outreach Coordinator Kagan Baker***

Kagan baker reviews changes made to contest rules. He adds a contest number to Multimedia for consistency with other contests.

1. **Photography and T-shirt Contests: *Editor Monique Hoarau***

Monique Hoarau reviews updates to contest rules. Most updates were date changes and clarifications.

1. **Vocal Contests: *Area A Chairs Lan Nguyen and Trinity Ramm***

Lan Nguyen and Trinity Ramm review updates to contest rules. Updates are mostly date changes and clarification.

1. **Latin Oratory: *Area B Chair Thelo Lewis***

Thelo Lewis reviews updates to contest rules; the updates reflect changes made at the previous meeting.

1. **Costume Contest: *Area C Chairs Abby Rieger and Rori Coleman***

Abby Rieger and Rori Coleman review updates made to contest rules. Clarification that judges may not touch costumes is added.

1. **Play Contest: *Area D Chair Jessica Liu***

Jessica Liu reviews updates to play contest rules to reflect changes made at the previous meeting.

* 1. **Talent Show: *Area F Chairs Shivani Lam and Carter Wiese***

Shivani Lam and Carter Wiese review changes made to talent show rules. Scoring sheet was changed to make overall scoring the last criterion for judges. Board Reviews talent show posters.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to move to voting for talent show poster.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for one minute.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The floor opens at 12:02 PM.

Davansh Dalal likes the poster with the larger title.

The floor closes at 12:02 PM.

Carter Wiese moves to begin voting.

Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.

Devansh Dalal moves to approve the poster with the large title.

Thelo Lewis seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 12:03 PM.

* 1. **Convention Update:**
     1. **Registration Packets: *Convention Coordinators Anna Mayfield and Brian Earle***

Anna Mayfield and Brian Earle update the board on their progress on state preparation.

They have added the meals and state shirt to the packet and updated the location and date.

They are also planning on running fandom certamen in addition to open certamen. Mr. Lee is concerned about having enough classroom space and manpower to run the tournament, but he is assured that the fandom certamen will be run by area A students and volunteers. Participants could also slap the desk instead of buzzing if needed.

Board reviews registration packet. Service project form, officer nomination form, and Ludi Greek information, if passed, must be added.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to approve the packet with pending changes.

Alivia Mayfield so moves.

Emma Schmidt seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 2:14 PM. The packet is approved.

* + 1. **Convention Schedule and Communication: *President Troy Schouten***

Troy Schouten changed the schedule name and date and added Ludi Greek, providing it is approved.

* + 1. **Workshops and Seminars: *Secretary Katiana Soenen***

Katiana Soenen reviews updates on colloquia. As of now, eight speakers are attending.

* 1. **Officer Candidate Update: *Parliamentarian Urvi Alamela***

Urvi Alamela announces idea for officer video interviews to increase interest.

* 1. **Area Convention Updates: *All Area Chairs***

The Area A convention will be on February 8th and 22nd at Klein Collins High School.

The Area B convention will be on February 21st and 22nd at Brennan High School

The Area C convention will be on February 15th at Hebron High School.

The Area D convention will be on January 25th at Amarillo High School.

The Area F convention will be on February 14th and 15th at Westlake High School.

* 1. **Service Project: *Outreach Coordinator Kagan Baker***

Kagan Baker reviews service project flyer. We will be making jump ropes. He wonders what his budget is for supplies. Chairs tell him he can only use his officer budget, but if he needs more, he can ask other officers to donate their unused budget to the service project.

Kagan also informs the board that there will be no “coin wars” at the state convention.

* 1. **Spirit: *Outreach Coordinator Kagan Baker***

Kagan Baker informs board that we will do spirit for the first 10 minutes of GA.

Thelo Lewis asks if people will know which area they are from.

The chairs request that spirit is divided by proximity to major cities rather than by area.

* 1. **New Amendments: *Parliamentarian Urvi Alamela***

Urvi Alamela reviews new proposed amendments to the constitution.

The first amendment will change the minimum number of members for a new chapter to one student and one sponsor.

She then proposes that chapters with 1-4 members receive one vote in officer elections.

She also proposes a change to Nom Com procedures so that chapters with one student must send that one student to Nom Com. All larger chapters (chapters with two or more students) must send 2 delegates; if only one is sent, the chapter will receive half of their typical votes.

Troy Schouten moves to begin voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Davansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 2 minutes.

Thelo Lewis seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 2:35 PM.

Davansh Dalal thinks that chapters with one to four students should have two votes so that they can split their votes.

Urvi Alamela wants consistency; she thinks it’s unfair for chapters with one student to receive as many votes as chapters with 50 students.

Thelo Lewis reminds all that if a chapter wishes to split their votes but can’t they could simply abstain from voting.

The floor closes at 2:37 PM.

Troy Schouten moves to begin voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor is opened at 2:38 PM.

Kagan Baker thinks chapters with one student should have one vote and chapters with 2-50 members should have two votes.

Lorelei Ing suggests making all numbers even in case a chapter loses half of their votes.

Carter Wiese suggests increasing the number of votes by intervals of 20 members.

The floor closes at 2:43 PM.

Troy Schouten moves to begin voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 7 minutes.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor is opened at 2:43 PM.

Lan Nguyen asks what the protocol is for chapters with over 100 members.

Ms. Dill states that we follow the same pattern of adding votes per certain interval of members.

Kagan Baker suggests giving chapters with one member one vote, giving chapters with 2-25 members 2 votes, chapters with 26-50 members 3 votes, and so on.

Devansh Dalal agrees but thinks we should cap votes at 125 members.

Kagan Baker expresses concern that candidates will only target large schools to win elections.

Devansh Dalal expresses that he would like to keep the intervals used to determine votes even.

The floor closes at 2:50 PM.

Troy Schouten moves to begin voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 12 minutes.

There is no second; the motion fails.

Kagan Baker moves to open the floor for 7 minutes.

Lorelei Ing seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor is opened at 2:52 PM.

Lorelei Ing proposes that all chapters receive two votes to keep consistency with NJCL.

Monique Hoarau states that Nationals is different because more than two people attend NomCom.

Thelo Lewis adds that at nationals, big schools will usually send more than two people to NomCom.

Monique Hoarau adds that she thinks number of votes should increase for larger schools.

Jessica Liu suggests giving chapters with 1 member one vote, chapters with 2-25 members two votes, chapters with 26-50 members three votes, and so on.

The floor closes at 2:58 PM.

Troy Schouten moves to begin voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 8 minutes.

Carter Wiese seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 2:59 PM.

Devansh Dalal wants to make sure we reward the larger chapters with more votes.

Thelo Lewis wants to make sure people campaigning don’t just target the large schools.

Urva Alamela points out that both candidates can campaign to large schools.

Urvi Alamela agrees with giving chapters with 1 member one vote, chapters with 2-25 members two votes, chapters with 26-50 members three votes, and so on.

Lorelei Ing asks what the average chapter size is.

Ms. Dill states that the average chapter size is 30-35 members.

Monique Hoarau asks if we would round up or down if an odd number of votes was halved due to NomCom participation.

All say they’d rather round up.

The floor closes at 3:06 PM.

Troy Schouten moves to begin voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Urvi Alamela moves to vote to approve all amendments with the voting changes do that chapters with 1 member one vote, chapters with 2-25 members two votes, chapters with 26-50 members three votes, and so on, and with chapters receiving half their votes (rounded up if applicable) if they send only one delegate to NomCom.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 3:07 PM.

* 1. **Ludi Greek: *President Troy Schouten***

Troy Schouten proposes a ludi Greek contest similar to sight recitation. The passage will be prose.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to approve the contest or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor or 3 minutes.

Thelo Lewis seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 3:10 PM.

Devansh Dalal asks if the passage would have to be memorized.

Troy Schouten states that memorization would not be necessary.

Devansh Dalal fears that some people will sign up for the contest as a joke.

Lorelei Ing wonders if the contest will affect sweepstakes points.

Troy reassures her that the contest is Ludi and will have no impact on sweepstakes.

Thelo Lewis expresses concern over people not knowing the Greek alphabet.

The floor closes at 3:13 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to move to voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Jessica Liu moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.

Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 3:13 PM.

Thelo Lewis suggests people memorize the passage since they may not know the Greek alphabet.

Devansh Dalal suggests giving participants a pronunciation guide instead.

Ms. Read likes this idea, as not all Latin teachers know Greek.

The floor closes at 3:18 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to move to voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal move to open the floor for 4 minutes.

Carter Wiese seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor is opened at 3:18 PM.

Carter Wiese adds that if people enter to mess around, it will not be a big deal, as the contest is ludi.

Thelo Lewis asks if we should give the passage ahead of time to allow kids who don’t know Greek to learn it.

Katiana Soenen reiterates that giving them a pronunciation guide should solve this issue.

The floor closes at 3:22 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to move to voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to begin voting.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 3:22 PM.

Devansh Dalal moves to approve a Ludi Greek Sight Rec contest and to provide a Greek alphabet/pronunciation guide in the prep room.

Parnav Yalamanchili seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 3:24 PM.

* 1. **State Banner Report: *Historian Emma Schmidt***

Emma Schmidt tells the board that our state banner was lost a few years ago. The board must decide whether to order a new one or not.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to move to voting or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 45 seconds.

The motion fails.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 1 minute.

The motion fails.

Kagan Baker moves to open the floor for 2 minutes.

Lorelei Ing seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor is opened at 3:27 PM.

Kagan Baker thinks we should get a new banner

Emma Schmidt states that the old banner cost $400 and a new one with embroidery would cost $500.

The floor closes at 3:29 PM.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 3 minutes.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 3:29 PM.

Mr. Lee worries that vinyl might be less durable.

Ms. Luongo states that the banner should last 25-30 years.

Devansh Dalal states that felt is durable.

The floor closes at 3:33 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to move to voting contest or to open the floor for discussion.

Devansh Dalal moves to begin voting

Lan Nguyen seconds the motion.

The motion passes.

Devansh Dalal moves to vote for the $500, non-embroidered, Nixon brand banner.

Parnav Yalamanchili seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 3:39 PM. An online survey will be completed for the design.

* 1. **Officer Skype Calls: *President Troy Schouten***

The officers will coordinate a time through GroupMe to talk about state and offices on Instagram Live.

* 1. **Revisit of judging sheets**

Troy Schouten entertains motions to approve the judging sheets.

Devansh Dalal so moves.

Thelo Lewis seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 3:43 PM.

* 1. **State and Spring Board Meeting**

The State Convention will occur on March 27 and 28 at Clear Falls High School.

The Spring Board Meeting will occur on April 25th at a location to be determined.

* 1. **Other New Business**

Chairs remind board to use tax-exempt forms when possible.

1. **Chair Announcements and Business**

There are no new announcements.

1. **Adjournment**

Urvi Alamela moves to adjourn the meeting.

Carter Weise seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 3:54 PM.