California Junior Classical League
Executive Board Meeting
Virtually Held
August 29th, 2026, 8:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.
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Upcoming Dates

Oct. 15, 2026: Ludi info will be sent to the schools.
Nationals is hosting its first Odyssey Day at https://classicalstudies.org/outreach/letter-community-odyssey-day
Nov. 14, 2026: Ludi at the Harker School
Jan 9, 2027 8:00 AM : Next board meeting
Feb. 20/21, 2027 : Tentative dates for CARCER
March 12-13: State Convention at University High School, Orange County
July 17-23, 2027: NJCL Convention at the College of William and Mary, VA

To-Do

All Board and Executive Committee members will

- ☐ Check their emails regularly.
- ☐ Fill out the 2026-2027 Board Contact Sheet form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_4VbgLuGfUkY6Qk5IHhGmfoSlybZWEwFahkmUCREkbQ6CjA/viewform?usp=header

- ☐ Fill out the Officer Introductions for the *Nuntius*: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc28lIaD5MWI4siOuGuvMEiXEXDjpBggp8C2IH1S8ttvBccJw/viewform
- ☐ Brainstorm possible organizations CAJCL should support through their service project at State Convention.

Mr. Davis will:

- ☐ Reach out for potential colloquia speakers for Ludi.
- ☐ Check in about CAJCL share of the Ludi and Scram profits.
- ☐ Find a mentor for the Parliamentarian role.
- ☐ Provide Mr. Paterson with an updated sponsor list.
- ☐ Send Mrs. Vasquez the white booklet to edit.
- ☐ Set up a meeting with University and committee members to go over the proposed new registration process.
- ☐ Proof all media submissions until he can find an adult media mentor.

Mr. Briggs will:

- ☐ Follow up on one expense, afterwards sending CAJCL their split of State Convention profits

Ms. Abolfathi will:

- ☐ Send out a call for volunteers at Ludi and CARCER
- ☐ Reach out to relevant persons for how SCL can specifically help out at these events.

Meg Briggs will:

- ☐ Reach out to Northern reps and Convention Presidents regarding the Service Project.

Sky Taketa will:

- ☐ Follow up with BASIS Independent from Silicon Valley.
- ☐ Let Ms. Masoni and Dr. Briggs know if she is going to attend Ludi.

Aanya Pillai will:

- ☐ Reach out to Meg regarding hosting a CAJCL board election meeting at Ludi
- ☐ Start putting together voting and application information.
- ☐ Craft an amendment which reflects the changes at Nationals regarding selecting candidates for NCJL office.
- ☐ Discuss the best way to collect paper ballots with the Convention Presidents.
- ☐ Make arrangements for the current board members to talk about their positions and post it on the *Nuntius*/Instagram.

Andrew Colburn will:

- ☐ Update the website when necessary for Ludi and SCRAM.
- ☐ Look into a new code-free website host

Ms. Masoni will:

- ☐ Provide Andrew, the webmaster, with an updated Members at Large form for the website.

Ms. Jordt will:

- ☐ Provide Will Ferrell's contact information to Sky so she can login to the CAJCL TikTok.

Mr. Muth will:

- ☐ Teach Northern Reps how to use the special scantron machine.

Mrs. Vasquez will**:**

- ☐ Proof academic tests for Ludi if Harker needs another set of eyes.

Mr. Mickalak will**:**

- ☐ Test out his newly refurbished and updated certamen machines and let us know how they are working.

Upton Ta-Beadle will:

- ☐ Follow up with every board member to make sure they submit at least one article for the *Nuntius.*

Mr. Paterson will:

- ☐ Arrange for a beginning Greek language test to be written for the 2027 State Convention.

Attendance

In Attendance

2026-2027 Officers

1. Meg Briggs (St. Francis) – 2nd Vice President
2. Sriya Kushwaha & Chenyue Zhou (University) – Convention Presidents
3. Skylar Taketa (Pacifica Christian) – 1st Vice President
4. Aanya Pillai (Sage Hill School) – Parliamentarian
5. Chelsea Chen (Sage Hill School) – Secretary
6. Upton Ta-Beadle (Loyola) – *Nuntius* Editor
7. Andrew Colburn (Miramonte) – Webmaster
8. Demi Zheng (Harker) - Northern Rep
9. Raeanne Li (Harker) - Northern Rep

Adults

1. Mr. Matt Davis - State Chair, 2nd VP Mentor
2. Ms. Marisa Alimento (Crossroads Middle) - Scholarships Chair
3. Ms. Dorothy Vasquez (Menlo Emerita) - Open Certamen Chair, Secretary Mentor
4. Mr. Scott Paterson (The Harker School) - Academics Chair
5. Mr. Michael Corrigan - CASCL Vice President
6. Mr. Fred Muth (Loyola Emeritus) - State Co-Chair, Registration Chair
7. Dr. Brian Briggs (St. Francis) - Certamen Co-Chair, 2026 State Convention Sponsor
8. Ms. Lisa Masoni (Harker Middle) - Treasurer, Graphic Arts Chair
9. Mr. Jon Gumz - CASCL Advisor, Retiring Media Chair
10. Dr. Jeffrey Feland (Sage Hill Sponsor)

11. Ms. Sofia Abolfathi (CASCL Secondary Advisor, *Nuntius* Mentor)
12. Ms. Jen Jordt (Menlo) - State Co-Chair, Creative Arts Chair
13. Dr. Tom Garvey (Menlo) - Certamen Co-Chair.
14. Mr. Mark Michalak (University) - 2027 State Convention Sponsor

In Absentia

1. Kaitlyn Mi (Menlo) - Historian
2. Mr. Jun Choi - CASCL President

Agenda Items

I. **Call to Order – Meg Briggs** opened the fall meeting of the CAJCL Board at 8:05 a.m.

II. **Minutes from May 16th Meeting – Chelsea Chen** read the summary of the spring CAJCL board meetings' minutes. Shreyas motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. Reimbursement Requests – Ms. Lisa Masoni

A. Ms. Masoni requested a reimbursement of $15.60 for stamps.
B. Mr. Davis requested a reimbursement of $680.38 for his flight ticket to Nationals and $1050 for registration for Nationals.
C. Meg requested a reimbursement of $1083 for spirit materials at Nationals.
D. Mr. Briggs requested a reimbursement of $93.47 for pizza at Nationals.
E. Upton motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. **2026 Convention Final Financial Report – St. Francis High School**

A. Total income was $58,289
B. Total Costs: $33,735
C. Total profit: $22,554
D. CAJCL will receive an estimated split of $11,277
E. Mr. Briggs stated he still needs to follow up with one expense and, after receiving an invoice, he will split profits with CAJCL.

V. Pictures for the Scrapbook – Kaitlyn Mi

A. Note: Kaitlyn was absent.
B. Mr. Briggs suggested making a drive for people to upload photos from Nationals and Shreyas provided one already created: NJCL 2026 Convention Photos

VI. SCL Report – Michael Corrigan (Jun Choi was in absentia)

A. SCL has hosted 2 summer socials in early August for northern and southern California.
B. SCL has been in contact with convention presidents and will also contact Ludi organizers.
C. Mr. Briggs asked how many people are active in SCL and will be able to work at Ludi and CARCER.
    a. Sofia Abolfathi answered that 2 went to CARCER and in the past 3-5 people went to Ludi. Turnout will depend on the timing and location of these events.
    b. She will send out a call for volunteers and reach out to determine how SCL specifically can help at these events.

VII. Officer Reports

A. Meg Briggs (St. Francis)– 2nd Vice President

a. Meg attended the National Convention, at which she led Spirit. California won 3rd place the first two days of spirit and received 3rd place in role call.
b. She participated in the service event by informing the CAJCL and then donating travel size deodorants to a local unhoused organization.
c. She will send emails to both the Northern Reps and Convention Presidents regarding starting to plan service at both of those events, asking if they would like her help.

B. Kaitlyn Mi (Menlo) – Historian (not in attendance)

C. Raeanne Li & Demi Zheng (The Harker School) – Northern Representatives

a. Since notification of their role, the Northern Representatives have had a total of 5 planning meetings where they have created a tentative schedule with each school placed into testing rooms and rooms specified for testing.
b. Mr. Briggs asked regarding an anticipated date for sending out registration information.
    i. Demi stated they still need to write a welcome letter and set a registration fee.
    ii. They set the deadline for this notification to be sent out as October 15th, 2026, a month before Ludi.
c. Sofia noted that Basketball, Soccer, and Dodgeball all overlapped and that, if SCL is in charge of running them, they will most likely not have enough people to run them simultaneously. She suggested changing the times to minimize overlap.
    i. Sofia asked whether the sports are to be held in the same area to make the transition time quicker.
    ii. Raeanne answered that all sports except Basketball (indoor gym) are in the same place (Soccer Field).
d. Meg stated that Gaga Ball from last year was not run by SCL
    i. Ms. Masoni stated that they need an adult present due to possible injuries and meltdowns.

ii. Mr. Patterson said he will bring up volunteer issues at a meeting and get back to Demi.

e. Ms. Vasquez stated that they no longer do soccer at State due to kids not bringing their shin guards and asked what the reasoning was for including it at Ludi.
   i. Demi reported that their school does not have the equipment for Pickleball and they replaced it with Soccer. She stated that Soccer can be one of the first options they look at for eliminating.
   ii. Mr. Gumz seconded Ms. Vasquez's point that Soccer isn't easy to manage and that he does not recommend it.

f. Mr. Briggs asked about a Goose Chase/Scavenger hunt that can serve as a filler for students in between events they are planning on doing.
   i. Ms. Masoni asked if the Goose Chase is something someone else can take on, and Dr. Briggs said that at States another school hosted it and they only needed to provide the clues.
   ii. Demi and Ms. Masoni agreed that the middle schoolers could help organize this event.
   iii. Ms. Vasquez said that a Goose Chase is also beneficial for familiarizing students with the campus.
   iv. Meg said that at Nationals people went up to a board member as part of the Goose Chase; this way the burden is less on Harker themselves and people can familiarize themselves with the board members.
   v. Dr. Garvey suggested possible creative ideas for the scavenger hunt, such as making it tree themed and giving players information about binomial nomenclature.
   vi. Sky suggested having one part of the scavenger hunt be asking a board member a question.
   vii. Shreyas asked how many officers would be attending Ludi.
      a. The count was 6 people, with possibly 7 as Sky is considering coming up.
      b. Ms. Masoni stated that CAJCL would pay for her plane ticket if she chooses to come.
      c. c. Dr. Briggs offered a spare room for Sky.

g. Dr. Briggs suggested assigning more rooms to Latin Sight Reading as in previous years there was a considerable amount of interest.
   i. Raeanne noted that in previous years she has noticed people waiting around the physical room and that sight reading has overlapped with other events
   ii. She said they were considering making a form or sheet that updates events in real time.
   iii. Mr. Davis said that there needs to be a lunch break of ½ hour in Latin

Sight Reading as he needs time to confer with the sponsors at lunch..

h. Sponsors' Meeting was originally listed as 12:00-1:30 but Ms. Masoni and Mr. Davis both said that the Sponsors' Meeting usually takes only 30 minutes.
i. Raeanne asked if any teachers were willing to be speakers for the Colloquia.
    i. Ms. Masoni asked how much we pay speakers in general.and Mr. Davis said that JCL sponsors or students are not paid, but the others are. Demi stated they have confirmed Dr. Wall, who recently retired from Harker, and an officer colloquia.
    ii. Mr. Davis stated he would ask his colleague to help out. He suggested reaching out to David Jacobson from Sacred Heart, for whom Ms. Masoni has the contact information.
    iii. Dr. Garvey said that he has a background in the Odyssey and he can host a panel about it, especially because the movie just came out.
    iv. Sofia offered to do a Colloquia about archaeology if they are really in need of speakers.
j. Demi and Raeanne shared their balance sheet, which is budgeted to be a total of around $3,000 excluding food.
    i. After Mr. Davis followed up regarding food, Raeanne stated that they will most likely use bagged lunches because 1) their school has done that for previous events, 2) this would most likely solve the long line issue from previous conventions, and 3) Harker is known for its food.
    ii. Demi noted that they were planning on serving donuts in the morning.
k. Sofia asked for an SCL-specific room to host their meetings and use as a location to store their materials.
    i. Sofia estimated 5 SCL'ers and 20-30 people at the mixer.
    ii. Mr. Gumz recommended storing materials for events at this location, such as the balls for basketball, so they do not have to search for materials.
l. Mr. Briggs asked if it would be easier for an SCL member to pick up snacks for the SCL mixer and submit a check to Harker or if it would be easier for Harker to pick up snacks for SCL.
    i. Demi and Mr. Paterson stated that it depends on what sort of snacks because the school might be able to provide it.
    ii. Meg stated that at State they had chips prepared.
    iii. Mr. Briggs said that August is willing to pick up the snacks and has offered to help if Harker needs it.
m. Questions for testing and Certamen: Demi said that, despite the fact that question writing has traditionally been split with SCRAM, Harker has ample members to write.
    i. Mr. Davis requested a Mottoes, Quotes, and Abbreviations test.
    ii. Ms. Vasquez volunteered to proof-read the tests.

iii. Dr. Briggs noted that the number of tests for Ludi might be a bit large because some of the listed tests are usually offered only at State.
    1. Ms. Masoni noted that they have a time constraint for scoring.
    2. Demi will check about removing the Art and Pentathlon tests.
    3. Mr. Davis offered to drop off the state scoring machines, which Demi agreed to.
    4. Mr. Muth is happy to help the Northern Reps with logistics of using the machine.
iv. Dr. Briggs inquired about the average length of the tests, to which Demi responded that it is 50 questions, but Ms. Vasquez commented that classical art and reading comprehension were cut down to 30 questions due to their slower process.
v. A max of 3 tests/person was agreed upon.

n. Demi asked about who can bring certamen machines.
    i. Mr. Davis said that that question is part of the registration process through our program.
    ii. Dr. Briggs estimated a need for about 9 certamen machines.
o. Demi asked for a suggested registration fee.
    i. Mr. Davis suggested keeping the fee at $35.
    ii. Mr. Paterson stated that he did not yet know the Harker charges for security, maintenance, and food.
    iii. Dr. Briggs suggested budgeting $300 as Honoraria for outside speakers.
p. Meg offered to help with the Service Project for Ludi. Northern Reps are good at taking the lead but will email for advice and logistics. Meg recommended that the service project should support local organizations.

D. Southern Representatives - SCRAM will potentially be hosted by Pacific Christian

a. Mr. Geffen stated they could do an event for Latin Club leaders
b. Pacifica Christian OC might be able to host.
    i. Sky stated that her Latin teacher is talking with administration.
    ii. The only issue is if SCRAM is hosted during October, half her school's JCL members will be in the fall play, meaning they will require immense help from another JCL board.
        1. Chenyue offered help from University.
        2. Mr. Davis said to feel free to host SCRAM in November.
    iii. In regards to parking, they can request to use the nearby Community College's parking lot.
    iv. Mr. Davis inquired about sports.
        1. Sky stated that her school has a Gym but not a field.
        2. She can request pickleball materials from Harbor Day.
c. Ms. Masoni recommended that if SCRAM doesn't happen, a southern school can

host a certamen using the National Certamen-written questions. The questions will most likely be available in December.

E. Chenyue Zhou & Sriya Kushwaha (University) – Convention Presidents

a. Relevant adults should've gotten an email with the corresponding University board member.
b. Chenyue asked about whom to email for registration. Ms. Masoni has the list of schools that have registered for NJCL and CAJCL.
c. If anyone wants to read through the full-length updates, please email the Convention Presidents as they have bi-weekly formal updates.
d. If students want to join the Discord, Sriya provided the following link: https://discord.gg/HYv78McJmA
    i. Ms. Masoni noted that middle schoolers cannot use Discord, and Chenyue stated that she can send email updates and that they can also use the Convention website.
    ii. Mr. Muth noted that there should be some supervision. Mr. Michlak stated that he is doing that.
e. Chenyue presented the Convention Website which would streamline the process for sponsors and hosts to attend and organize convention, respectively.
    i. Chenyue predicts that this would help mitigate the decreasing numbers of attendees.
    ii. Website includes a digital schedule and map.
        1. They are trying to get corporate sponsorships for pre-convention outreach.
        2. This is fully optional as members can still sign-up on paper. The Website is to make life easier for those with devices.
    iii. Website Features: state.uhsjcl.org (SP0-K5KWE-2GJ35 will sign you in as Mark Michalak with fake data)
        1. Full registration process (except medical/waiver) is digitized.
            a. Students will still have to register with the state so that Ms. Masoni can confirm they are all members.
            b. Each delegate is assigned an access code.
        2. It can track registration + event/test sign ups. Sponsors can see if each student has submitted their relevant forms (excluding the Medical/Waiver that needs to be emailed)
        3. It can print invoices and log money. Invoice is automatically calculated and updated live with each new delegate added.
        4. It can assign roles for all adults.
        5. It can audit and log every action.
        6. The Website displays announcements.
        7. Features for future hosts:

a. Overview tab displays delegate and chapter count.
b. Chapters can be checked-in from the website.
c. Website also displays the number of tests required so no fewer or no more is printed.
    i. Dr. Briggs inquired if the count can be stratified depending on chapters, which Sriya stated is a feature on the chapters page.
    ii. Meg recommended printing more than the numbers displayed as students usually forget what they signed up for or realize they have more time.
d. No code is needed to use it.
e. Automatic grading/Awards calculations
    i. Cheaper than Scantron
    ii. Quickly regrades if there is a key error
    iii. Connects to awards automatically
    iv. Python code will parse the grading, marking, and indicate answers that are unclear.
    v. Students will need only one paper
f. Prints name tags, awards, volunteer assignments
g. It can add and modify events and tests without ever going into the code.

8. Miscellaneous features:
    a. Digital schedule
    b. Lost and found, feedback form
    c. Scavenger hunt
    d. Viewing test scores (either students or only sponsor)
    e. Singing the JCL song or creed contest before convention to learn the song and creed.

iv. Questions/Notes:

1. Mr. Davis asked about what code is used. Sriya stated it is Python.
    a. Where is the website hosted?
    b. Who is hosting the website?
    c. Privacy concerns (COPPA)
        i. Chenyue reassured us that no information will be collected that wasn't initially through Google Sheets.
        ii. Ms. Masoni brought up the concern about putting up sensitive information on a website that can be hacked, and Chenyue stated that the only information that will be uploaded is activity

choices, name, Latin and Grade level

d. Regarding sustainability: code is open source and hosted for free by Github/Modal/Turso

2. Ms. Vasquez noted that people usually change their mind about Open Certamen and stated a preference for students knowing about Open Certamen but signing up once they get there, and Chenyue stated that the website does account for this with the hope that during the Convention they can post live updates.
3. Dr. Garvey asked why they couldn't sign the waivers using Docusign which would eliminate the paper aspect.
    a. Mr. Davis noted that when they tried digitizing sign-ups, much of the information was incorrect
    b. Ms. Masoni stated that she believes it is easier to hand a paper form and then scan them.
4. Mr. Davis recommended a two-way system with the option for teachers to use the traditional spreadsheet.
5. Dr. Briggs asked if there was a way they could see whether or not their student has signed up for a test and, if not, allow them to sign their student up for one. Chenyue responded that the website has the same level of control and that they can do this.
6. Sofia is concerned about the difficulties of a two-way system convoluting things further, stating below additional concerns:
    a. Coded by an AI agent
    b. Students cannot be responsible for data and maintenance of the website; an adult is necessary.
    c. Privacy concerns
7. Mr. Davis recommended scheduling a meeting with the adults + University Board Members to hash out the concerns.
    a. Mr. Muth has asserted that it is important to have an adult who understands the website well enough for sustainability
    b. Mr. Davis brought up issues with scanning; schools would need a machine.
8. Any other website questions can be directed to markmichalak@iusd.org who will connect you with the tech commissioner.
9. Mr. Muth applauded University's efforts to improve the registration system and agreed to work with them.

F. Sky Taketa (Pacifica Christian OC) – 1st Vice President

a. Sky has been emailing Julia's list of schools that have Latin programs but no JCL.
    i. Some emails are no longer in use while others have blocked her so Sky

will find the new Latin teacher's contact and email them after she is done with the rest of the list.
    ii. After Sky is finished with the list, she will send the updated notes out.
    iii. Ms. Masoni stated that BASIS from Silicon Valley has reached out about attending Ludi, Sky has contacted them previously and will follow up.
    iv. Shreyas noted that there is a student from Los Altos who used to go to Harker and is interested in starting a chapter.
b. BASIS Independent in Fremont Upper is interested in starting a JCL.
    i. ACL and NJCL website is currently down because of revamp. It will be back September 1st with limited function.
    ii. Mr. Davis stated that, if their school cannot register with NJCL and CAJCL in time, they can come to Ludi as members at large as long as they email Ludi organizers and have an adult.
c. Sky stated that she does not have access to the Instagram as the password is incorrect. She and Mr. Gumz will stay behind after the meeting.
    i. Mr. Gumz brought up that all instagram posts should be approved by an adult.
    ii. Mr. Davis offered to approve Sky's proposed posts until he finds a mentor for her.
    iii. Sky asked if she could have the response from Upton's *Nuntius* Introduction form to use for her "Introduction to the Board" post.

G. Aanya Pillai (Sage Hill) – Parliamentarian - check recording-

a. Aanya has been in contact with other state JCL Parliamentarians.
b. An amendment workshop will be hosted in two weeks; first state Parli meeting on September 13th; and first election webinar on September 26th.
c. At Nationals a new amendment passed regarding selecting candidates for NCJL office, so Aanya will have to make an amendment based on that for this year.
d. A form has been sent for State Parliamentarians about the California State Convention; she needs the numbers, which Chelsea provided in the chat from 5/16 Meeting minutes and Meg also stated that she could send those numbers to Aanya.
e. Aanya inquired about whether or not they are continuing an election interest meeting at Ludi .
    i. Mr. Davis suggested that asking an officer from the north to host a workshop at Ludi would be best.
    ii. In the case that SCRAM is not hosted, Aanya will host a webinar for election information.
f. Other State Parliamentarians have had their board members talk about their position and post it on the *Nuntius*/Instagram to make information more accessible. We will be doing the same for CAJCL.

g. Mr. Davis suggested that Aanya start putting together voting and application information.
h. Aanya opened the floor to recommendations regarding last year's voting process
    i. Shreyas said that paper ballots were tedious. He recommended collecting people's emails at the start of the Open Forum because they collected it at the end, which created a long line that caused people to just take a paper ballot.
    ii. Meg brought up the fact that there needs to be a central location to drop off paper ballots.
    iii. Sky mentioned that collecting all the ballots at the beginning of GA III does not provide enough time to tabulate results before announcing them in the middle of that same GA.
    iv. Meg recommended that, for State Convention, people be required to hand in their paper ballot to get their meal tickets. Aanya will discuss this with the Convention Presidents. Chenyue offered to do an online version through the website or she can post the location on the website.
    v. Sky brought up confusion with handing out ballots because right now schools have 1 vote for amendments but two for candidates..
i. Dr. Briggs brought up the delayed timeline of last year due to finding adults for the nominating committee.
j. Aanya reminded us that she still did not have a mentor. Mr. Davis will find one.

H. Chelsea Chen (Sage Hill) – Secretary

a. Chelsea brought up the Letterhead email issues, asking for clarification.
    i. Ms. Jordt's email was corrected to creativearts@cajcl.org; Mr. Gumz clarified he now uses only the SCL advisor email.
    ii. With SCRAM being a possibility again, Chelsea will have to update Southern Rep information. The letterhead will have to wait to be finalized.
    iii. Dr. Briggs confirmed that Sky can be the southern rep as well as the first vice president.
b. Chelsea reminded members to fill out the contact information form at their earliest convenience.
c. Chelsea confirmed that she can use an AI notetaker for ease of recording who said what as the current system of using voice memos only records what was said.

I. Andrew Colburn (Miramonte) – Webmaster

a. He completed all the Google account and Gmail transfers for incoming officers.
b. He has been updating the website for the Board and *Nuntius* page.
c. Andrew notified the board that Weebly is winding down services in other countries; the US is not included but he suggested that since Weebly is being deprioritized they should consider long-term options.
    i. Andrew has been continuing to back-up the website just in case Weebly

can no longer host us.

ii. He recommends switching to a new no-code website just in case. He will be researching new options. Future webmasters might have to take reigns. If there are any suggestions for no-code website building sites please email Andrew.

iii. Ms. Alimento asked if there was any way to preserve the Weebly information right now. Andrew has been uploading everything to the website database so as of right now all information should be saved.

d. Dr. Briggs noted that if the State Convention website email is used it should be notated on the CAJCL website. He also reminded us that all Ludi and SCRAM information should be promptly updated for the convenience of teachers.

e. Ms. Masoni will send an updated Members at Large form to the website.

J. Upton Ta-Beadle (Loyola) – *Nuntius* Editor

a. Upton is finalizing the style guide.

b. The Indesign formatting margins and technical administrative work is being finalized.

c. We are on track to produce a 30-page edition for the fall.

d. He reminded all officers to fill out the following form for the *Nuntius* by the next week*:*
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc28lIaD5MWI4siOuGuvMEiXEXDjpBggp8C2IH1S8ttvBccJw/viewform

e. He reminded us that each officer should produce an article for the *Nuntius*.

i. Shreyas suggested that people promote publishing art/poetry/pieces in the *Nuntius* at their schools

ii. Upton will have schools submit pictures of their activities so we can know each other's schools' activities.

K. Shreyas Karnam (The Harker School) – NJCL Editor

a. He published the last California edition of the *Nuntius*

b. He is in charge of NJCL's publication, the *Torch*, which will be coming out September 1st

c. He will send out a form mid-September so people can submit updates and articles.

d. Upton should submit a state update.

e. NJCL Convention is July 17-23, 2027, at the College of William & Mary.

f. He recommended that board members get in touch with your NJCL officer to get feedback and go to their meetings.

g. September 26th or 27th the NJCL will host a webinar about elections, where Meg and Sky will be participating as speakers.

h. NJCL runs lots of competitions that local chapters can submit to. Now all of the deadlines are on the last day of each month.

i. NJCL, ACL, SCS are all planning on scheduling full-day Odyssey activity:

https://classicalstudies.org/outreach/letter-community-odyssey-day

j. His email is editor@njcl.org

VIII. CAJCL Scholarship Report – Marisa Alimento

1. No updates as no transcripts have been received.
2. Dr. Briggs inquired about his son's transcript while Mr. Davis noted that his student Deeya Mutha should've sent an email asking whether Greek was ok; neither have been received as of now.

IX. Treasurer Report – Lisa Masoni

1. There are no CAJCL members as of now.
2. The current balance is $11,697.21
3. She has not received a share of Ludi or Scram profits. Mr. Davis will follow up.
4. There is an ongoing issue with the Membership Database that needs to be resolved at some point in time.
5. Mr. Davis has been talking to other state chairs. People will most likely pay state and national dues to NJCL, then NJCL will send a check back and have a report regarding who is registered and who is not.
6. She has filed tax statements with the State of California and IRS.

X. Certamen Report – Tom Garvey & Brian Briggs

1. CARCER: They are currently going through the scheduling process. January 23rd conflicts with Academic Decathlon.
    a. Menlo winter break is between February 13th-20th, which will impact availability of volunteers.
    b. February 6th: Mock Trial finals.
    c. February 13th: Presidents' Day weekend and 4 weeks before convention
    d. **February 20th/21st:** (Ski-week for many schools) is penciled in for now.
    e. February 27th: 2 weeks before State and Menlo can't host.
2. Dr. Briggs asked about which southern school will host CARCER. He noted that Harbor Day has expressed interest, but they have the same week-off as Menlo.
    a. Mr. Michalak will talk with Woodbridge.
    b. If Harbor has space, University and Woodbridge can host.
    c. Aanya noted that Sage Hill can as well.
3. Dr. Garvey suggested using Sundays, but brought up concerns regarding those who attend church.
    a. Dr. Briggs said afternoon would work better.
    b. Dr. Garvey brought up February 21st as a possible date for CARCER.
4. February 7th has a Brain Bee conflict alongside Harker's winter break.
5. Certamen: Mr. Michalak has a parent that can do fixes on machines for $50. New features

include:

a. Cords can now be unplugged and plugged back in
b. A 4th team was added.
c. The carrier case is now half the size
d. University will test it and share results later.

XI.State Chair Report – Matt Davis

1. Mr. Davis went to Nationals and ACL. He is working on the registration issue.
2. Ms. Vasquez asked about the print-out of the California results from Nationals; Mr. Davis received it.
3. Some NJCL members were interested in coming to the California State Convention. More discussion will happen because they need an adult to sponsor them.

XII. **Social Media Report - Jon Gumz** Mr. Gumz will post things as they come into the email but they should find a full-time media chair. In the meantime, Mr. Davis will fill in while he looks for a long-term mentor.

XIII. **Academics Report - Scott Paterson**

1. Mr. Paterson brought up adding Greek Language to the tests again. Last time discussed there was a consensus that there would not be great interest.
    a. Sky said that her school recently implemented a Greek program so there might be interest
        i. Mr. Davis asked if Sky could ask the Greek teacher to write the test.
        ii. Sky stated the test could be pulled from old National tests
    b. Dr. Garvey runs an independent study.
        i. He recommended adding even just one test just to show that there is this option to those who take Greek.
2. Mr. Paterson will include one elementary Greek test. If anyone is interested in writing a Greek test, please direct them to Mr. Paterson
    a. August Briggs might be interested. Dr. Briggs added that, as long as there is someone more experienced proofreading, then having August write will be good.
3. Mr. Davis can give Mr. Patterson an updated sponsor email list.
4. Mr. Paterson proposed giving an option for test volunteers to write sets of questions and then Mr. Paterson can compile them. He will first check the response to writing full-tests then adapt.
5. Mr. Paterson sent out current sign up sheet for writing AND proofreading tests: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9OpByhlXuhZYfIhvpCG_Ma9J4E2bEH4eJvF3RO2ztaSBw8w/viewform?usp=dialog

XIV. New Business

1. Meg Briggs suggested an additional service project called Coin Craze at States.
    a. Description: State officers walk around with a box with their name on it. The goal is to get the most coins and whoever has the most dollar bills gets a funny punishment. If this event were to happen, Meg would inform people ahead of time to bring coins; this information would be included in the Spirit and Service packet.
    b. Meg asked that people recommend organizations they would like the money to be donated to.
    c. Chelsea asked about the rules of the game, Meg stated there should be rules from NJCL and that the only requirements are that someone makes sure all the money is properly collected.
        i. The beginning of GAI-the beginning of GAIII would be the money collection period. Meg would receive all collected money.
        ii. The total would be read at GAII to let everyone know who is leading and losing.
    d. The final number and punishment would be announced at GAIII.
2. Currently there is no Service Project planned for Ludi. The Northern Reps will take the lead and email Meg later regarding advice for how it should be hosted.
3. Sky could not find the JCL TikTok information. It was started by Will Farrel; Jen will give Will's contact info to Sky.

XV. **Next Meeting Date - Saturday, January 9th at 8am.**

XVI. Adjournment – Sky Taketa moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The August meeting of CAJCL board was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

XVII. Breakout Rooms & Sponsor Meeting

1. Relevant officers met with the according individuals for further discussion.
2. The adults stayed on Zoom for their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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CAJCL Secretary, 2026-2027