



**California Junior Classical League  
Executive Board Meeting**

Virtually Held

January 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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***Important Upcoming Dates:***

Convention Registration Deadline - February 14, 2025

CARCER - February 22, 2025

Scholarship Deadline - March 1, 2025

State Convention - March 28-29, 2025

Next Board Meeting - May 10, 2025 (8am-11am)

***To-Do List FROM 9/7/24 meeting FOR 1/11/25 Meeting***

**All Board and Executive Committee members** will

- Check their emails regularly

**Yoyo Li (2nd VP)** will

- Plan spirit initiatives for convention
- Contact local shelters to see if they will accept handmade toys
- Meet with a committee to decide on a service initiative to assist those affected by the fires in LA

**Deya Murthy, Parker Hjortsvang, and Alex Cleveland (Northern Reps)** will

- Make an after-action report including the number of schools, students, and adults; what went well and suggested improvements; budget, expenses, and profits; and amount of ribbons given

**Claire Sueyoshi and Baominh Dang (Southern Reps)** will

- Finalize report and money from SCRAM

**Michael Corrigan and Christopher Burke (Convention Chairs)** will

- Work on getting permission from the school district for some events, like swimming
- Coordinate the activities' potluck where different schools can host activities
- Have a paper version or shared computers available for registrations at convention for delegates without phones
- Send Ms. Vasquez the contact information for students overseeing the awards, the escape rooms, and open certamen
- Work on eliminating triple-booked events in Olympika to avoid limited participation
- Establish an SCL headquarters for states and order whistles for SCL

**Miles Hexun (1st VP)** will

- Follow up with schools that haven't responded to his JCL advertisement email
- Follow up with the schools that have responded but haven't registered yet
- Follow up on the Qualia school conversation and ask Ms. Alimento for an email contact
- ~~Send Ms. Masoni his receipt for his travel to Ludi~~

**William Farrell (Historian)** will

- Work with Ameera and Will on officer takeovers
- Work on social media ideas for convention posts and stories

**Sachin Sandhu (Parliamentarian)** will

- Send an email to all the sponsors about the election
- Finalize any last details about the formatting of the approved amendment
- Add the date of the next board meeting (May 10th at 8 am) to the election materials so newly elected officers are aware they must attend

**Ameera Ramzan (Secretary)** will

- Finalize and publish this meeting's minutes
- Create social media highlights for the meetings this year
- ~~Create a social media post for elections~~
- Send out information on suggestion box to be published soon

**Celine Wang (Nuntius Editor)** will

- Prepare for the publishing of the next *Nuntius*

**Jun Choi (Webmaster)** will

- Update the amendments section on the website
- Put the election information on the website so it can be found more easily
- Publish meeting minutes from Ameera
- Meet with SCL to update their information

**Felix Chen (National Editor)** will

- Prepare an announcement about nationals for convention

**Kevin Corrigan (SCL President)** will

- Figure out awards for That's Entertainment

- Coordinate Olympika and *That's Entertainment* for convention

**Mr. Davis** will:

- Work on scantron scoring program so it works smoothly during states
- Bring the extra catnip from the northern service project to convention
- Update the month by month expectation document
- Add language to the application for financial awards for nationals about the consideration of certamen player

**Dr. Briggs** will

- Send out details for CARCER
- Check with Ms. Alimento to see if Crossroads can host CARCER in the south

**Mr. Smith-Laird** will

- Work closely with the Parliamentarian to prepare for convention

**Mr. Gumz** will

- Work with the JCL officers to coordinate social media posts before, during and after convention
- Continue to guide SCL in their work for Olympika and *That's Entertainment*

**Ms. Alimento** will

- Check if Crossroads can host Carcer
- Confirm the scholarship for Grace Brady

**Ms. Vasquez** will

- Help convention team to choose trophies for convention
- Order ribbons, trophies, and all awards for convention except Spirit Awards and any Ludi awards the school wants to give out.

**Ms. Masoni** will

- Sort out any graphic arts registration issues

**Ms. Jordt** will

- Bring the convention presidents' officer pins to convention

***In Attendance:***

**2024-2025 Officers**

1. Yoyo Li (Sage Hill School) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
2. Deya Murthy, Parker Hjortsvang, and Alex Cleveland (Miramonte High School) – Northern Representatives
3. Claire Sueyoshi and Baominh Dang (Sage Hill School) – Southern Representatives
4. Michael Corrigan and Christopher Burke (Woodbridge High School and University High School) – Convention Presidents
5. Miles Hexun (University High School) – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
6. Ameera Ramzan (The Harker School) – Secretary
7. Sachin Sandhu (The Menlo School) – Parliamentarian

8. William Farrell (The Menlo School) – Historian
9. Jun Choi (University High School) – Webmaster
10. Felix Chen (The Harker School) – NJCL Editor

#### **Adults**

11. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird – State Co-Chair, Parliamentarian Mentor
12. Mr. Matt Davis (Miramonte Sponsor) – State Chair, 2nd VP Mentor, Ludi Sponsor
13. Dr. Brian Briggs (St. Francis High School Sponsor) – Certamen Chair
14. Mr. Kevin Corrigan – CASCL President
15. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez (Menlo School Sponsor Emerita) – Open Certamen and Escape Box Chair, Awards Chair, Secretary Mentor
16. Ms. Jen Jordt (Menlo School Sponsor) – Creative Arts Chair, Historian Mentor
17. Ms. Marisa Alimento (Crossroads School Sponsor) – Scholarships Chair
18. Mr. Fred Muth (Loyola High School Sponsor) – Registration Co-Chair
19. Dr. Feland (SCRAM and Sage Hill Sponsor)
20. Ms. Katrina Watson – CASCL Vice President
21. Mr. Jon Gumz – CASCL Advisor, Social Media Chair
22. Mr. John Conant (Convention Co-Host, Woodbridge Sponsor)
23. Ms. Lisa Masoni (Harker Middle School) – Treasurer/Graphic Arts Chair
24. Mr. Mark Michalak (Convention Co-Host, University Sponsor)

#### ***In absentia:***

25. Celine Wang (Harvard-Westlake) – *Nuntius* Editor
26. Mr. Scott Paterson (Harker School Sponsor) – Academic Chair
27. Ms. Grace Curcio (St. Ignatius College Preparatory Sponsor) – Webmaster Mentor

**I. Call to Order – Yoyo Li opened the second meeting of the CAJCL Executive Board for the 2024-2025 term at 8:04 am.**

#### **II. Reimbursement Requests – Lisa Masoni**

- a. We have two reimbursement requests to add.
  - i. Mr. Davis requested \$422.96 for travel fees to SCRAM.
  - ii. Miles requested \$231.20 travel fees to Ludi. The amount currently unknown.
- b. Michael moved to approve to improve the two reimbursement requests. The motion passed unanimously

**III. Minutes from 9/7/24 Meeting – Ameera Ramzan read the summary of the minutes from the second CAJCL board meeting.**

- a. This agenda was moved from second to third due to technical difficulties.
- b. Miles moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Picture for the Scrapbook (8:14 am)** – William Farrell took a screenshot of the Zoom for the scrapbook.

## **V. Officer Reports**

### **Yoyo Li (Sage Hill) – 2nd Vice President**

- a. She attended SCRAM and hosted a service project. The project was to make pet toys for the Animal Anti-Cruelty Society.
  - i. She thought that turnout for the event was very good.
  - ii. They made 50 dog tug toys, 250 catnip sachets, and 100 kitty cork toys.
  - iii. She was able to ship them to Chicago before winter break and confirmed that they received everything
- b. Currently, she is brainstorming for service and spirit initiatives at State Convention.
  - i. She thinks that students enjoyed the DIY aspect of making animal toys and wants to continue with this same initiative for States.
  - ii. She is also going to cut down on the number of different toys to make the project more concise and easier to manage. She has decided that the dog tug toys, which are similar to friendship bracelets, and catnip sachets were easier for younger kids to make than the kitty cork toys.
- c. Mr. Davis noted that they still had some extra catnip from the northern service project and asked if they should bring it to convention. Yoyo responded that it would be helpful to bring any extra down and said she would do the same with the materials left over from SCRAM.
- d. Ms. Alimento asked if we could keep the project local and give the toys to local shelters. Yoyo said that these shelters didn't really accept handmade toys and preferred purchased items instead, but she said she would look into shelters that accept handmade toys.
- e. Ms. Vasquez asked if we could consider some service project for the current fires in Southern California. Miles agreed with the idea.
  - i. Dr. Briggs mentioned that during the Santa Rosa fires, we took the money from the snack bar at Ludi and donated it to the damaged John Henry Newman High School.
  - ii. Michael said that he is definitely open to this idea and would likely be able to help. Yoyo said that she does not want to eliminate the DIY projects, but will look into doing both things. Ms. Vasquez mentioned that clothing could be donated more easily as it can be put into a suitcase without taking up too much space.
  - iii. Mr. Michalak mentioned that travel size toiletries could be another option.
  - iv. Miles also suggested referring people to other resources and drives they can consider donating too. Yoyo offered to reach out to Mr. Gumz

regarding a related social media post and also mentioned that she would explore the option of making posters for convention.

- v. Mr. Davis asked if Latin programs in the area had been affected. Ms Alimento mentioned that both Crossroads and Harvard Westlake were safe but had to evacuate. However, several students, alumni, and teachers lost homes. Dr. Briggs added that the expansion of the fires are causing this situation to fluctuate.
- vi. Ms. Alimento added that pets suffered in the fire, connecting to the original service project, but also emphasized there is a lot more to the issue.
- vii. Mr. Davis suggested an ad hoc committee to figure this issue out. Mr. Smith-Laird agreed.
  - 1. Those on the committee would be the students Miles Hexun, Christopher Burke, and possibly Celine Wang, as well as Ms. Alimento, Mr. Davis, Mr. Muth, and Ms. Vasquez for the teachers.
  - 2. Christopher Burke moved to approve this committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Deya Murthy, Alex Cleveland, & Parker Hjortsvang (Miramonte) - Northern Reps**

- a. At Ludi, they had seven colloquia speakers and gained positive feedback from students who enjoyed the sessions.
  - i. They are grateful to the board officers who ran one of the colloquia sessions.
  - ii. Many students showed interest in running for state positions
- b. They had 11 different testing categories this year. They would like to thank all the people who helped produce the tests and helped with the process.
  - i. Dr. Briggs wanted to know the number of ribbons given for this year, since more tests were offered this year.
  - ii. He pointed out that it would be helpful for future years if the northern representatives noted down how many ribbons they needed.
- c. Overall, there were 60+ Miramonte JCLers as well as many parent volunteers who helped organize this event.
  - i. This year, officer shoutout was new.
  - ii. They recognized those who went above and beyond to help out with this event.
- d. For service, they made the dog tug toys and catnip sachets, similar to those at SCRAM.
  - i. The students enjoyed participating in the activity.
  - ii. They made a little less than 50 dog tug toys and around 100-125 catnip sachets.

- iii. Yoyo asked if any participants had any suggestions on how to improve. Parker mentioned that the dog tug toys involved helping the younger kids a lot. Yoyo said that she would keep this in mind for states.
- e. They also want to thank Dr. Briggs for helping certamen run smoothly. They had over 80 participants, who enjoyed the activity.
- f. In terms of finances, they made around \$4,000 off of Ludi. They will be giving around \$2,500 of that profit to CAJCL.
  - i. Some of the biggest expenses were \$7,000 for food catering, \$1,000 on donuts, and \$1,000 on printing.
  - ii. Dr. Briggs wanted to clarify if the profit money went to the scholarship fund. Ms. Masoni confirmed that it should go to the scholarship fund. Mr. Davis mentioned that sending it to CAJCL first made it easier to send it to the scholarship fund but would discuss this more in the parliamentarian's report.
- g. Ms. Vasquez asked about the number of students and schools at Ludi. There were 23 schools and 508 students registered.
- h. Mr. Davis requested that the Northern Reps make an after-action report with the number of schools, students, and adults; what went well and suggested improvements; budget, expenses, and profits; and amount of ribbons given.

**Baominh Dang and Claire Sueyoshi (Sage Hill) - Southern Reps**

- a. They announced that they had 570 students attend SCRAM, representing 25 schools and 4 members at large. They had approximately 650 people on their campus at once. Everything went smoothly.
  - i. Dr. Briggs asked about how the number of attendees relates to pre-covid numbers.
  - ii. At the 2019 SCRAM, they hosted 33 schools, so they are gradually returning to pre-covid numbers.
- b. For testing, they had 14 test categories, 900 tests were scored, and awards were completed and given out on the same day. They bought 750 ribbons with 250 for each category, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. They bought a safe amount that wasn't too expensive.
  - i. Christopher Burke asked if there were enough ribbons. Baominh mentioned that they had a good amount left over, but it was nice to have extras in case of ties.
  - ii. Mr. Davis mentioned that Ms. Vasquez would order ribbons for states and will communicate with convention reps
- c. Certamen was a popular event with over 100 delegates playing.
- d. After all expenses were calculated, they were able to generate \$1,200 in profit, which is currently being processed to include a donation to the scholarship fund.

- e. They also mentioned that there was a lot of excitement around the colloquia, which included three activities run by JCL delegates and three sessions by professors.
- f. In addition they had characters from the *Odyssey* portrayed by individuals from the theater community, who walked around. The students seemed to enjoy this fun addition.
- g. They asked the SCRAM board for ideas regarding improvements and started a letter to the next southern reps including those specific details.
  - i. They had some issues with marking open certamen on the student activity sheet, which isn't a sign-up sheet. Despite some attempts to mention this, some confusion still occurred.
  - ii. They were also unsure of how to enforce the mandatory colloquia sessions as a small number of people were still in the hallways during that time.
- h. Kevin mentioned that the location for opening and closing remarks was better than last time's.

### **Michael Corrigan & Christopher Burke (Woodbridge & University) - Convention Presidents**

- a. They presented a slideshow on States that went over the schedule and details. They presented the [convention blue book](#) as well. The graphics look very good, and they are happy with it.
  - i. They plan to have registration from 2:30pm-5:15pm. They are lucky since some schools, including Woodbridge and University, have half-days that day.
    1. Open certamen registration will be occurring all of Friday and Saturday morning through Assembly II.
    2. The community service project will occur from 3:00pm-5:00pm, and then it will continue from 6:30pm onwards.
    3. Dinner will be from 4:00pm-5:30pm, right before General Assembly I at 5:30pm.
    4. The testing session will be from 6:00pm-7:30pm.
    5. More registrations will be happening from 6:00pm-8:00pm as not everyone will arrive by 5:15pm.
    6. They are figuring out the logistics for swimming this year.
    7. The rest of the evening will include events like competitive certamen semifinals, dodgeball, Latin oratory, and hopefully, stargazing.
  - ii. Then, they reviewed important highlights of Saturday's schedule.
    1. Breakfast will be at 7:30am.
    2. They decided to continue having dinner before GA III like last



year. People are hungry and it gives the contest office more time to process awards.

3. The chariot races will be at 10:30am.
  4. Their Colloquia will be from 3:15pm-5:10pm
- iii. They are still getting permission from the school district for some events, especially for the swimming events.
- iv. They are continuing to promote for [an activities potluck](#) to allow other schools to run aspects of convention.
1. It gives them experience for SCRAM, Ludi, and future conventions.
  2. It also makes them feel more involved in the CAJCL community.
  3. After registration, they will send out a finalized list of who is running what activities.
- v. They also discussed plans for food during convention.
1. For dinner on Friday, Main Street Cafe will provide pasta and salad.
  2. On Saturday morning, there will be donuts and bagels.
  3. For Saturday Lunch, they will have Jimmy John's sandwiches with chips, a pickle, and cookies. They are conducting a survey for which type of cookie, either chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, or brownie.
  4. For Saturday dinner, as per tradition, there will be food trucks: Cerda Vega, Kogi BBQ, Perro, The Burnt Truck, 8e8 Thai Street Food, and Kalamaki Greek.
- vi. They discussed the specifics of some of the activities.
1. Certamen
    - a. They asked about the number of certamen machines that would be provided. Ms. Masoni mentioned that on the registration there is a question on machines, so they will receive that data.
    - b. Ms. Vasquez mentioned that there should only be 3 people on each open certamen team to allow for the inevitable walk-ons.
  2. World Series Certamen and That's Entertainment.
    - a. They asked if SCL needed anything to prepare for *That's Entertainment*.
    - b. Kevin requested that they have a QR Code only at convention.
      - i. They will host an appointment style audition, 3-5 minutes each. Delegates should be able to choose

- their own times
- ii. They also asked to coordinate access for that form.
  - iii. Ms. Masoni mentioned that some younger students might not have phones. Christopher noted that they would ensure that they have paper registration or electronics available as well. Kevin agreed.
3. Some other events include athletic events, dodgeball, a Percy Jackson kahoot, Roman speed dating, catapult, and chariot races.
  4. Because of the early start, Ms. Masoni might have trouble establishing the graphic arts registration by 2:30pm. While some teachers and students offered to help set up the table, the physical materials are stored in the north with Ms. Masoni. She will explore solutions to this issue.
- vii. Ms. Vasquez inquired about awards that need to be ordered soon.
1. She asked whether they are doing all the track events this year. They will check to ensure that all are on the sign-up sheet.
  2. She noted that volleyball was not on the schedule at the moment. Michael said they were still coordinating logistics for it.
  3. She also brought up the boat race event and urged that it should only be a ludi event, not a chapter contest because chapter contests can only be the ones outlined in the White Booklet. The presidents are still getting permission from the school, so they will withhold sending it out. If they do it, and it goes well, we can talk about including it as a Chapter Contest for the future.
  4. She asked if we are having a raffle. The raffle is against school policies. Mr. Davis added that raffles are not allowed in public schools.
  5. She thanked the presidents for adding more escape room times, so more delegates can play. She requested that she needs to meet with parent volunteers, who will run the rooms on Friday night and Saturday.
  6. She also requested the emails and contact information of the students running the awards and escape rooms and open certamen.
- viii. They were concerned about having enough budget to cover both the awards and food. For booking the food, they need around \$3000, and the same amount for awards.
1. Ms. Masoni mentioned that CAJCL can loan money for expenses needed to be paid before registration.
  2. We motioned to approve a loan for state convention in case they encounter an expense they can't accommodate. Miles made the

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- ix. Kevin noted that triple-booked Olympika events might limit participation and make it difficult for SCL to run. Mr. Gumz agreed that team events tend to have smaller tournament brackets when they are overlapped with other activities.

### **Miles Hexun (University) – 1st Vice President**

- a. He attended both Ludi and Scram and helped with candidates' workshops and general assemblies at both. He also filmed some videos for publicity, and some commercial videos for our instagram. He posted some videos, which attracted some engagement, and worked with Will and Ameera.
- b. On the outreach side, he emailed 81 schools with a full advertisement of JCL.
  - i. He showed them the presentation and gave them information on how to register.
  - ii. He helped 3 high schools begin to register: Valley Christian, Bishop Amat, and San Francisco University.
    1. Ms. Masoni confirmed that Valley Christian finalized their registration but hasn't heard anything from the other two.
    2. Ms. Vasquez congratulated Miles on his achievement.
  - iii. Other than those, there wasn't a lot of significant interest, but he plans on following up as semester break is a good time to check in.
- c. For the future, he will be helping out with states and working on some publicity.
- d. He followed up on the Qualia school conversation and asked Ms. Alimento for an email contact.

### **Sanchin (Menlo) – Parliamentarian**

- a. He is moving forward with the election process.
  - i. He held a colloquium at Ludi about why you should run for election, which gathered a lot of interest.
  - ii. He sent the candidate application to convention presidents to put in the convention book.
  - iii. Yoyo recommended sending out an email to all the chapter sponsors regarding the election.
- b. He hadn't drafted any amendments yet. Mr. Smith-Laird noted that the amendments, which he and Mr. Davis outlined, needed to be finalized at this meeting.
  - i. Mr. Muth suggested that they might be able to finalize amendments by the end of the meeting to vote on.
  - ii. Mr. Davis noted that the significant change needed to be made to the wording of the transferring of the profit from JCL events to the CAJCL

fund and scholarship funds. Ms. Jordt read out the part of the constitution that needed to be edited.

- iii. Ms. Jordt and Sachin moved to a breakout room to finalize the amendment before the end of the meeting.
- c. Later in the meeting he presented the new amendment and the suggested changes in the constitution.
  - i. They discussed what date the profit reports need to be submitted. They also added language to mention the scholarship fund.
  - ii. Sachin asked to move to approve [the amendment](#) so that it can be voted on at the state convention. Yoyo moved. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Sachin will add the meeting date of May 10 to the election material for new officers.

#### **Ameera Ramzan (Harker) – Secretary**

- a. They finished the last meeting's meeting minutes and published those. They also created a summary section.
- b. They finished the board contact sheet and letterhead for states, which they sent out to the convention presidents.
- c. They helped out at Ludi by attending the election information meeting and answering questions.
- d. At their own chapter, they gave the presentation, prepared by Miles, at a JCL club meeting for opportunities in CAJCL.
- e. They prepared the notes document for this meeting.
- f. In the future, they are brainstorming ways to be more transparent and boost public engagement.
  - i. They are currently working on a social media highlight from the past meetings.
  - ii. They are working on a suggestion box and will publish it soon with input from other officers.
  - iii. They are also working with Miles and Will to use social media to promote events.
  - iv. Miles suggested meeting to discuss an instagram post for the election.

#### **Will Farrell (Menlo) - Historian**

- a. For the first semester, he has been focusing on the social media aspect of his position.
- b. He met with Miles and Ameera regarding ideas for promotion at Ludi. They recorded some interviews and games.
- c. There has been a lot of traction on the CAJCL instagram. Additionally, he created a TikTok, which has been growing with thousands of views.

- i. He is hoping to grow the account with more videos from specific chapters. Yoyo mentioned that her chapter would definitely be interested in making some TikToks.
  - ii. If TikTok gets banned, he will move over to instagram reels.
- d. For the digital scrapbook, he will make some video compilations.
- e. Ameera asked if he would be interested in filming some videos with officers speaking about what they worked on last year. Will agreed that it was a good idea for publicity and would be in communication with them on that. Miles also asked about an officer takeover, which Ameera agreed would be a good idea for delegates to get a sense of what an officer's duties are.

**Jun Choi (University) – Webmaster**

- a. Since the last meeting, he added people to the board email list, who were previously left off. He also added Christopher to the board page with a photo and description as the second convention president.
- b. He also published finalized meeting minutes from Ameera and added the 2024 Summer Letter League and this year's SCL minutes. He updated the scholarship page with a donation link and the scholarship application link. He published the Fall *Nuntius*. He also updated the State Convention Page.
- c. He added a sign-up link to the new NJCL Google Space.
- d. Kevin asked about a meeting to clean up the SCL section. Jun agreed.
- e. Ms. Jordt mentioned that the amendments section needed to be updated.
- f. Ms. Masoni asked about putting the election information on the website, so it could be found more easily.

**Celine Wang (Harvard Westlake) – *Nuntius* Editor** – Due to the Palisades fire and evacuations, Celine was unable to attend the meeting.

**Felix Chen (Harker) – NJCL Editor**

- a. He published the *Torch*, and he is currently working on the next addition as well as meeting with his mentor on the national board tomorrow.
- b. They have been working on various things nationally. For the new Google Space, he thinks it will be helpful if officers can spread the word as they want to gather separate Group Mes into a single area.
- c. He also wanted to mention to Dr. Briggs that a few chapters are running some joint certamen meetings for California. Miles added that many people from his school would be interested.
- d. Miles confirmed that Felix would be making a short announcement about Nationals at convention this year. Felix also offered to host a colloquium if needed. Christopher agreed that he would speak at one of the assemblies but

would talk to the southern reps about hosting a colloquium as well. Felix also mentioned that past attempts have gathered little interest at colloquia, and he would probably reach a wider audience at general assemblies.

#### **VI. State Chair Report – Matt Davis**

- a. He has been busy helping out hosting Ludi and attending SCRAM. He brought the scantron machines for SCRAM and helped complete the awards.
- b. They tried out different methods to collect all the scores
  - i. A student designed a program to obtain all the data.
  - ii. For future events, they are still working on making sure it doesn't break down.
- c. He has been emailed by Heather Paff at Harbor Day Middle School, who is willing to host SCRAM next year. They will still need help with all the logistics, such as testing.
- d. They are still looking for someone to host Ludi and States for next year.

#### **VII. Certamen Report – Brian Briggs**

- a. Carcer is on February 22 for the first three rounds of the tournament. The semis and finals occur at state convention.
- b. He will be emailing sponsors to give out details for the event.
- c. Miramonte is hosting Carcer in the north, but they need a southern host as Sage Hill can't anymore due to construction issues. Ms. Alimento offered to check with Crossroads.
- d. They need to make sure that teachers bring their machines, so there are no short supplies.
- e. Just like last year, schools will be able to have up to two teams at each level.

#### **IX. SCL Report – Kevin Corrigan**

- a. They had two delegates, who went to Ludi and had a great time with no complaints.
- b. Their goal is to have more northern SCLers attend Ludi and SCRAM. One member couldn't go due to a family emergency. They are working on better participation in the future.
- c. At SCRAM, they had a healthy delegation and a widely attended mixer with around 20 seniors. They thanked the southern representatives for allowing them to make an announcement
- d. They didn't know they had to get individual student names for awards for team events. For future large team events, they would try to find a way to give awards per team and have schools find their students instead. Mrs. Vasquez suggested that they hand out blank ribbons at the sites and then the students can write down what they won. She noted that Nationals never writes anything on ribbons.
- e. They are asking for a SCL headquarters for states, but they don't need registration prior for Olympika events. They asked that a student organize storage for chariots and catapults.
- f. They didn't have whistles at SCRAM and think that it would be helpful to have them at

future events.

- g. Mr. Davis suggested that cash rewards are best for *That's Entertainment*. It is up to the schools, but gift cards are off limits for public schools. They are also open to fancy plates or another silly gift. Dr. Briggs mentioned that the classics themed prizes last year were really great and meaningful.
- h. He asked if anyone is interested in being a judge for That's Entertainment.
  - i. Ms. Vasquez volunteered.
  - ii. For auditions, they will continue to be closed auditions to increase the element of surprise and lessen the anxiety of those auditioning.

#### **IX. CAJCL Scholarship Report – Marisa Alimento**

- a. Our current account balance is \$40,385.79, and we have made no payments since September's meeting.
- b. We have received confirmation from Grace Brady from St. Ignatius that she completed her 2 Latin classes.
- c. She has shared scholarship forms with the webmaster and Nuntius Editor.
- d. We will give four scholarships this year, and not everyone who applies is guaranteed the reward.
- e. We moved to approve 4 scholarships of \$2000 each to be awarded at states. Baominh moved. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Dr. Briggs asked if we have a deadline for the scholarship this year. It is March 1.

#### **X. Treasurer Report – Lisa Masoni**

- a. We currently have 33 chapters, 1,284 members, and 8 schools pending, who have filled out the form but have not paid. The membership deadline is officially December 1, and chapters can't register for states or Carcer unless the membership is in good standing.
- b. We have 7 schools who were members last year that haven't renewed.
- c. Our current bank balance is \$16,277.97.
  - i. This balance doesn't include the PayPal money that hasn't been transferred to the account.
  - ii. We are paying the Filemaker Pro fee out of PayPal.
- d. We are in good financial standing.
- e. PayPal blocked our account, and it took a few phone calls to sort out. It is resolved.
- f. People can donate to the scholarship fund through the PayPal link.
- g. We approved scholarships to nationals
  - i. Last year, we offered 10 scholarships for \$700, and all of them were claimed. Currently, our expenses are above income, but we have enough reserves for 10 scholarships this year.
  - ii. Parker asked if we mentioned that we would set aside some of the 10 for certamen players as part of the scholarship fund. Ms. Masoni said she could potentially

mention to the committee to take certamen players into consideration. Dr. Briggs mentioned it would be complex to determine who deserves the scholarship. Dr. Briggs agreed that adding language to clarify it would be beneficial.

- iii. Yoyo moved to approve the scholarships. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XI. Social Media Report - Jon Gumz**

- a. He has helped to get posts up, and only one hasn't been posted that was from late December about the TikTok account.
- b. He reminded everyone to send posts to him, so they could be posted within a day or two.
- c. He will need good content to post for our stories for convention as he might be occupied with other logistics.
  - i. He will also figure out if officers can have access over the instagram
  - ii. Miles suggested that Will could include an announcement at the general assembly about sending photos to us to post or tagging CAJCL in their stories so we can repost them.

## **XII. New Business**

- a. Ameera pointed out that Robert's Rules states that it is not necessary to record the names of those seconding a motion unless the board requests it. From now on, the names of those seconding will be excluded.
- b. Ameera asked about transition letters, which are left behind for the next officer and details their responsibilities. Yoyo agreed and recommended that officers should prepare a letter for the next meeting. Yoyo also noted that this could be made more explicit than in past years where it was not outlined as well.
  - i. Ms. Vasquez added that she wrote a month by month expectation for officers a number of years ago.
  - ii. Mr. Davis offered to update this document for next year.
  - iii. Ameera offered that this document could be sent out to current officers if they want to add anything.
- c. Ms. Vasquez asked whether the officers still wanted officer pins. Yoyo confirmed that officers did wear them at SCRAM and said it was helpful. Parker said that all officers wore them at Ludi as well.
  - i. Dr. Briggs asked if the pins were helpful for identifying as they might not be noticeable. He suggested considering alternatives, such as hats.
  - ii. Christopher mentioned that convention people wore hats, so it might be confusing for people to have multiple. Ms. Masoni said that the pins on the nametag were noticeable.
  - iii. Christopher mentioned that the convention presidents didn't have pins. Ms. Jordt has them and will bring them to convention.
  - iv. Mrs. Vasquez will order pins for convention.



### **XIII. Next Meeting Date**

- a. We excluded May 3 (an SAT date) and the weekend before the AP Latin test.
- b. Yoyo suggested May 10. While there are some concerns about it being in the middle of AP week, we decided on this day as later weeks also have lots of conflicts. The officers all agreed with the date.
- c. Kevin suggested adding this date to the election materials so elected officers are aware.
- d. The next meeting date will be on May 10, 2025 from 8am-11am.

**XIV. Adjournment** – Yoyo asked for a motion. Miles moved to adjourn. The 3rd meeting of the current CAJCL board was adjourned at 10:42 am on January 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
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CAJCL Secretary, 2024-2025