

California Junior Classical League  
Executive Board Meeting  
University High School  
May 26, 2018 12:00 PM

**To Do List:**

**All officers will**

- create a new folder for this year on Dropbox
- check their emails regularly over the summer for important information
- read through minutes and send corrections to secretary@cajcl.org
- Venmo \$6 to Rowan if they ate at the meeting and did not already pay

**All sponsors will**

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**Natalie Hilderbrand and Drew Wadsworth will**

- get extra lap boards to Miramonte High School
- get extra scantrons and pencils to St. Ignatius College Preparatory

**John Sullivan will**

- send scholarship Google form link to Dr. Briggs and put it up on the website

**Ms. Katie Robinson will**

- add ACT scores as an option in the test scores section of the scholarship application Google form
- work with Sydney to improve the scholarship application possibilities

**Sydney Higa will**

- show Ms. Robinson how to modify the scholarship Google form so that a Google folder is automatically created containing uploaded pdf documents such as teacher recommendation and applicant transcripts
- add Taia Cheng as an admin for the CJCL Facebook page

**Ms. Lisa Masoni will**

- send Brian Yu the list of schools that did not renew their membership

**In Attendance**

1. Drew Wadsworth, '17-'18 Convention President
2. Natalie Hilderbrand, '17-'18 Convention President
3. Kiana Hu, '18-'19 Convention President
4. Carina Leung, '17-'18 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
5. Brian Yu, '18-'19 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
6. Rowan Biggs, '17-'18 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
7. Athena Davis, '18-'19 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
8. Neah Lekan, '17-'18 Parliamentarian
9. Benjamin Beckman, '18-'19 Parliamentarian
10. Ethan Vovan, '17-'18 Historian
11. Taia Cheng, '18-'19 Historian
12. Kasey Fung, '17-'18 Secretary
13. Naomi Rubin, '18-'19 Secretary
14. John Sullivan, '17-'19 Webmaster
15. Peter Bota, '17-'18 *Nuntius* Editor

16. Sofia Abolfathi, '18-'19 *Nuntius* Editor
17. Grace Fazer, '18-'19 Northern Representative
18. Wendy Nawa, '18-'19 Southern Representative
19. Sydney Higa, '17-'18 CSCL President
20. Evan Cui, '18-'19 CSCL President
21. Brandon Bui, '17-'18 CSCL Vice President
22. Maggie McCarty, '18-'19 CSCL Vice President
23. Mr. Jon Gumz, Academics Chair
24. Ms. Martha Altieri, State Chair
25. Ms. Lisa Masoni, CAJCL Treasurer
26. Ms. Katie Robinson, Scholarship Chair
27. Mr. John Conant, Woodbridge High School Sponsor
28. Ms. Lana Sum, St. Ignatius Preparatory Sponsor
29. Ms. Grace Curcio, St. Ignatius Preparatory Sponsor
30. Mr. Matt Davis, Miramonte High School Sponsor
31. Mr. Josh Davis, University High School Sponsor
32. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird, State Co-Chair and CSCL Advisor
33. Dr. Brian Briggs, St. Francis High School Sponsor
34. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez, Menlo School Sponsor
35. Dr. Jeffrey Feland, Sage Hill School Sponsor
36. Ms. Mercedes Barletta, Harvard-Westlake Sponsor

Absent:

1. Brendan McFeely, '18-'19 Convention President
2. Chiara Giordani, '17-'18 Northern Representative
3. Jarmayne Deala, '17-'18 Southern Representative

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

- June 18 – Release of Spring *Nuntius*  
 July 23-29, 2018 – National Convention at Miami University, OH  
 September 15, 2018 – Next Board Meeting  
 November 10, 2018 - Ludi at St. Ignatius  
 December 1, 2018 - Scram at Woodbridge  
 February 23, 2019 - Carcer at Acalanes Adult Center (North); University (South)  
 March 29-30, 2019 - Convention at Miramonte

- I. **Call to Order – Rowan Biggs calls the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.**
- II. **Kasey Fung asks to approve the minutes:** Drew Wadsworth moves to approve the minutes. Wendy Nawa seconds this motion. The motion passes unanimously.
- III. **Reimbursement Requests**
  - A. Ms. Masoni asks if anyone has any reimbursement requests.
  - B. Natalie Hilderbrand moves to approve reimbursement requests. The motion passes unanimously.
- IV. **Introduction of New Board:** The new officers are asked to introduce themselves and to give their name, school, and position.

- A. Kiana Hu, Brendan McFeely (Miramonte High School) – Convention Presidents
  - B. Brian Yu (Sage Hill) – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - C. Athena Davis (Miramonte High School) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - D. Benjamin Beckman (Harvard-Westlake) – Parliamentarian
  - E. Naomi Rubin (Menlo School) – Secretary
  - F. Taia Cheng (Harvard-Westlake) – Historian
  - G. Wendy Nawa (Woodbridge High School) – Southern Representative
  - H. Grace Frazer (Saint Ignatius College Prep) – Northern Representative
  - I. Sofia Abolfathi (Member at Large) – *Nuntius* Editor
  - J. John Sullivan (Loyola High School) – Webmaster
- V. **2017-2018 Officer Reports**
- A. **Drew Wadsworth, Natalie Hilderbrand – Convention Presidents**
    - 1. **Escape Rooms:** The escape rooms were very popular at convention. Natalie and Drew recommend buying extra locks. They also suggested keeping the 3 divisions: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
    - 2. **JCL Hack:** Eight students entered the coding challenge at convention. One entry was a mobile version of Whitaker’s Words. Natalie and Drew recommend having this challenge at the next convention.
    - 3. **Food**
      - a. **Food Trucks:** There were 12 food trucks that served only one item. In the past, there were fewer food trucks. The lines were not very long. It was a little slow getting started because we were finished with assembly more than 15 minutes early. The board agrees that they were a success and should/could be used again. Peter Bota suggests that the food be made by the trucks and then delivered to catering stations. He is told that that would only slow down the distribution of the food and increase the cost. Mrs. Robinson thinks that the meals should be more balanced, with more vegetables and vegetarian options. She points out that some meals were very carb heavy. Mr. Josh Davis says Miramonte could provide salads.
      - b. **Marking Allergies:** Ms. Masoni raises the issue that not all foods were marked for allergies. In the future, she thinks allergies need to be taken more seriously and marked very carefully.
      - c. **Pizzas for Friday Night:** Natalie and Drew ordered 44 pizzas on Friday night for convention. Schools were able to purchase these pizzas per request. Natalie and Drew think that this was a smart and well-executed idea that should be considered for next convention. The board agrees.
      - d. **Snack Bar:** Natalie and Drew point out that the snack bar was very popular; however they ran out of junk food. They suggest that more junk food should be bought for the snack bar at next convention. The profit (over \$1000) is going to be donated to fire victims north and south.

4. **Laser Tag:** Laser tag was held in the Redwood groves at Menlo School. Middle school students enjoyed this event in particular. It was crowded for the entire evening and everyone seemed to be having a great time.
5. **Community Service Project:** Natalie and Drew point out that this project had fewer participants than they had hoped. They say that the community service project should have been publicized better. They had intended to place announcements and reminders in the podium book, but it slipped through the cracks. They had hoped to have every student make at least one card. That would have been almost 1200 cards. Instead there were only about 200 made.
6. Ms. Vasquez asks the board if there should be an adult overseer for **Creative Arts** year-to-year, similar to the adult overseer for certamen, graphic arts, open certamen.
7. Natalie and Drew inform the board that there are catapult materials at Menlo School from the **STEM challenge**. These materials could be used again at next convention. Ms. Robinson adds that she could offer an additional STEM contest. She notes that students at convention really enjoyed the STEM challenge. She proposes a STEM workshop or activity for Ludi as well as for SCRAM. She has replacement parts for those damaged at convention, so everything is ready to go.
8. **Workshops**
  - a. Ms. Robinson says that she felt that the 2018 convention had the strongest workshops yet. She likes that there were many options. She also likes that attendance was required at the second set of workshops. She believes that it allowed for a strong and cohesive ending to convention. The board agrees.
  - b. Peter Bota highlights that speaker recruitment should be considered more often. He thought that the speakers, which included Stanford and Berkeley professors, were very impressive.
  - c. Mrs. Vasquez adds that the speakers spoke very highly of the students in the audience. Patrick Hunt of Stanford wrote in part, "It gave us both (Patrick and his wife) tremendous hope and confidence that this nation will survive and thrive with that many bright young students taking Latin and thereby improving both their minds and souls examining the lessons of history. What promise with 1100 students and 45 dedicated teachers."
9. **Ribbons**
  - a. Ms. Robinson points out that academic ribbons are plainer than others. She suggests that we give rosettes for academic tests rather than ludi games or chess. The board agrees.
  - b. Sofia Abolfathi suggests that we recognize writing contest writers and contributors. She thinks that there should be more overall public recognition of students' achievements. Mrs.

Vasquez agrees. She says that non-convention contests are recognized at GAs at Nationals - at least for those students in attendance.

#### **10. Dramatic Interpretation**

- a. Dr. Briggs points out that Dramatic Interpretation be combined into one competition. Mrs. Vasquez comments that the male/female divisions are no longer a part of Nationals. Mrs. Altieri says that so many sign up to compete but only a very few actually do. This year the Oratory was shorter so more did that one.
- b. The board decides that Dramatic Interpretation will be combined next year.

**11. Voting Fellowship:** Dr. Briggs points out that there was too much extra time during the voting fellowship, while the morning felt very rushed. He suggests that the time for voting fellowship should be shortened. Other adults disagree. The general consensus is that the hour is necessary.

#### **12. That's Entertainment**

- a. Kiana Hu suggests that That's Entertainment auditions should be moved to the same days as the performance. She points out that she was forced to take her instrument back and forth both days. Mrs. Vasquez comments that she could have left it at Menlo because the room was locked and in a location not accessible to students. The public school teachers did not think that was a good idea.
- b. Sidney Higa says that from a SCL viewpoint it would be impossible to have the tryouts on Saturday because the SCL is too busy with sports then.
- c. Mr. Gumz points out that That's Entertainment would have run more smoothly if we had had adults on the walkways above to control the traffic.

#### **13. Sports**

- a. Soccer: Mr. Gumz points out that there were few teams at soccer because there were lots of other events happening at the same time. He suggests that soccer may not be worth offering because students need to remember to bring cleats and shinguards (which they often forget). SCL members' time could have been spent better at That's Entertainment.
- b. Bubble Soccer: Natalie and Drew comment that bubble soccer was a well-attended and well-liked event. This should be kept at next convention.

#### **14. Finances**

- a. Natalie and Drew report that \$120,646.20 was the money brought in, including a number of donations from parents. Some expenses are still not in and Menlo has one more thank-

you to buy for the parents who were the movers and shakers, but the profit should be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00.

- b. Mrs. Vasquez wonders if we are charging too much for registration. Mr. Josh Davis comments that we may have made more money this year because food costs were lower than usual and Menlo did not ask for facilities costs.
  - c. Mr. Matt Davis thinks that, if the cost of convention should decrease by \$30, they would run the risk of losing money.
  - d. The Coin Wars brought in about \$251.24 for scholarships, but Menlo gave an extra \$1000 out of its profits for a total of \$1,251.24.
  - e. Natalie and Drew also returned the \$1,500 loan they had received last May.
15. **Spirit Size Divisions:** Natalie and Drew point out that there was a new extra-large size division for spirit which was great because it allowed more schools in the large-size category to place, but it allowed only 1 school out of 2 to place in the extra-large category. Natalie and Drew believe that University High School also deserved an award in the extra-large division because clearly they did an outstanding job at convention in all areas. They propose that extra-large give out a 2nd. place as well. The board agrees and Mrs. Altieri says this is an easy fix for next year.
16. **Awards:** Natalie and Drew point out that they gave out glass figures rather than trophies. They ask the board's thoughts on the awards. The board seems to have liked the glass figures. Natalie offers to share the supplier with Kiana, but the business is closing and moving to Oregon. They are still available online as occasions, etc at [matrophyco@gmail.com](mailto:matrophyco@gmail.com). The schools who have been in JCL for a long time are happy to have smaller, more elegant trophies rather than the large ones.
17. **SCL:** Evan Cui points out that he really liked having a designated SCL room. It gave them a place to gather, to plan, to work.
18. Natalie and Drew recommend that two students from the hosting school run convention in the future. They explain that working in a pair made the process much easier.
19. Ms. Masoni compliments the parent volunteers, explaining that they were very helpful in Graphic Arts. The whole board agrees with Ms. Masoni and expresses gratitude for the parent volunteers.
20. Sydney Higa points out that she hopes to engage more SCL members and Slashers at next convention. She says that 14 SCL members registered at Menlo. Drew did not, but he says that he will.

#### **B. Carina Leung – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

1. Carina highlights that there is one new delegation, or at least a delegation that hasn't been in a long time: Convent and Stuart Hall brought 31 delegates.

2. She explains that she reached out to all schools that did not renew their membership. She has no idea if it made a difference.
3. Carina assisted Natalie and Drew with anything they needed at convention, helped Rowan with spirit, and supported Neah in the voting process.
4. She condensed the publicity rubric into one page for each school and put everything in Dropbox.

**C. Rowan Biggs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

1. Rowan wrote multiple articles for *Nuntius*.
2. She set up the podium book with Nat and Drew, facilitated spirit, and helped run the community service project at convention.
  - a. **Spirit:** Rowan liked the color-coated seating map for convention that was projected on the screen and sent out in an email. However, she suggests that the banners work better than balloons as signage for seating. She also says that officers need to check in for spirit as soon as possible for the event to run most efficiently. Mrs. Masoni says that she liked the balloons. They made everything very festive.
  - b. **Community Service Project:** Rowan points out that this project needs to be publicized better in the future. She says that the article in *Nuntius* is not sufficient publicity for the project. She suggest that we send an email directly to school boards, create a page on the CAJCL website, or write an article in Convention Ear. She explains that decorated cards were sent out to all service members.

**D. Neah Lekan – Parliamentarian**

1. Neah explains that the candidates this year had more geographic diversity than past years. Candidates came from a wider range of schools, including the new addition of candidates from Harvard-Westlake.
2. Neah highlights the changes he made to the voter information guide.
3. He points out that this year's ballot had fewer words and was easier to follow.
4. **Open Forum:** only 62 of 98 delegates eligible to vote actually voted. He wishes that this number were higher. Mr. Smith-Laird points out that it is higher than the national average in our elections. Ms. Masoni comments that it is probably the first time her middle schoolers have had an opportunity to listen to candidates, take notes about them, discuss them and then vote. She believes Open Forum and the entire process is a great experience for voting delegates.
5. **Amendments:** Neah reminds the board that two amendments were approved: one regarding national candidacy and another regarding the share of profits to go into effect next year.
6. He put all Parliamentarian documents from 2004 to the present onto one drive and will destroy the current notebook.

7. Neah made small changes to the constitution and converted the constitution document from a pdf to an editable version.
- E. **Kasey Fung – Secretary**
1. Kasey helped Rowan with spirit at convention.
  2. She made name tags for the new board members.
  3. Kasey took minutes at the general assemblies at convention as well as the January meeting and uploaded them to Dropbox.
- F. **Ethan Vovan – Historian**
1. Ethan made a short video documenting CAJCL this year.
  2. Ethan will upload all his photos from state convention to flickr. He has had trouble creating an account, which has delayed the process.
- G. **Peter Bota – *Nuntius* Editor**
1. Peter will release the third and final issue of *Nuntius* by June 18.
  2. Peter sent emails to all the officers from whom he requested an article.
- H. **John Sullivan – Webmaster**
1. John reorganized the overall CAJCL site so it is easier to navigate.
  2. He helped Drew and Natalie at convention.
- VI. **State Chair Report – Mrs. Altieri**
- A. **Officer Mentor Introductions**
1. Mentors introduce themselves.
    - Mr. Josh Davis: SCRAM and *Ludi* and Convention, as needed
    - Mrs. Grace Curcio: Webmaster
    - Mr. Matt Davis: 1st. VP
    - Mr. Smith-Laird: Parliamentarian
    - Mrs. Vasquez: Secretary
    - Mrs. Altieri: 2nd. VP
    - Ms. Lana Sum: Historian
  2. Mr. Josh Davis volunteers to be the *Nuntius* mentor.
- B. **New Officer Expectation**
1. Ms. Altieri explains that everyone on the board must check their email on a regular basis.
  2. Communication and Email Set Up
    - a. New board members receive new officer information.
    - b. Ms. Altieri explains that everything will be kept in Dropbox. It is the board members’ job to make sure all old files updated.
    - c. She says that we will change the password for the CAJCL Dropbox on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. **NJCL Convention**
1. Approximately 50 California members will attend national convention.
  2. Ms. Altieri will send out her flight information to those who want it.
- VII. **Officer Break-off Meetings**
- VIII. **Certamen Report – Dr. Briggs**
- A. **Carcer Statistics for 2018:** Dr. Briggs explains that there are a few more chapters in the North than in the South. In the finals, 14 out of 25 competing chapters made the top 3. No school placed in more than two levels. Out of the 14 top chapters, 7 were from the north and 7 were from the south.



- B. Dr. Briggs points out that there were not enough certamen machines in the south. Thus, Drew brought down one machine for the south.
  - C. Lack of Readers: To ensure that there was no shortage of readers in the north, Dr. Briggs recruited 3 professors and 2 other affiliates from UC Davis as well as Mary McCarty, emeritus from St. Ignatius.
  - D. **Challenges:** Dr. Briggs brings up the issue of who can challenge and when. The current rule is that students can challenge during the round, and coaches can challenge after the round. Coaches and participating students are the only people who can challenge.
    - 1. At nationals, however, coaches can challenge during the round. Dr. Briggs asks if we should change the rules for our certamen.
    - 2. The board concludes that this change would be disruptive and unrealistic because coaches are not always present. At nationals there is a coach at every round. Therefore the board decides to leave the rule unchanged.
  - E. Dr. Briggs informs the board that a Foothill High School teacher donated a certamen machine to give to a school in need. Dr. Briggs wonders if the board has a certain school in mind. Dr. Briggs proposes a school in Sacramento.
  - F. **Carcer 2019:** Dr. Briggs proposes multiple dates for Carcer. He explains that Carcer is usually held 6 weeks before convention. This year, however, the date 6 weeks before convention is February 16, the Saturday of Presidents Weekend. The preceding Saturday, February 9, is an ACT date. Therefore, February 23 seems like the most promising date.
    - 1. University High School volunteers to host Carcer in the south.
    - 2. Miramonte High School volunteers to host Carcer in the north.
    - 3. Mr. Briggs explains that he had left over snacks from *Ludi* which he sold for a total profit of \$34. He is designating this profit as a donation to scholarship fund.
- IX. **SCL Report – Sydney Higa**
- A. SCL at Convention
    - 1. There were **new SCL members** present at convention, not all from Woodbridge.
    - 2. We did not have **reconfirms** for Ludi and Olympica at convention because SCL usually have to redo registration anyway. She thinks that this worked well and is not necessary to have reconfirms at future conventions.
    - 3. **Sports:** Schedulings so many of the sports at the same time was stressful for the staff initially, but Menlo covered all the Swimming, Tennis, Track, Catapult, and Chariot and had coaches at Basketball and Volleyball so it was not as bad as she had thought. Since fewer teams played each sport, the sports were able to end early as well.
    - 4. **That’s Entertainment:** SCL members liked having control over the sound themselves and 5 acts incorporated sound effects. They also appreciated the cash prizes. In the future, Sydney thinks that we should continue to offer cash prizes, publicize the event better.

5. SCL really liked having a headquarters and being able to use the dance room for their mixer. She thinks that we should assign a designated space for SCL in the future.
- B. SCL has recently passed a few **amendments** and elected **new officers**: Evan Cui is the new SCL President and Maggie McCarty is the new SCL Vice President.
  - C. Sydney sent the Letter of the SCL League to the mailing list and published it on Facebook.
  - D. Three SCL members are going to national convention.
  - E. SCL is currently organizing a summer event.
- X. **CJCL Scholarship Report – Katie Robinson**
- A. Ms. Robinson suggests that we highlight the ACL centennial at SCRAM, *Ludi*, and Convention. The board agrees.
  - B. Ms. Robinson announces that five scholarships were paid out to five students since January.
    1. There are still 12 students who can claim scholarships for a total of \$24,000.
    2. There is approximately \$31,000 in the scholarship fund.
    3. We receive an average of \$4,000 in contributions each year, with the majority of this money coming from membership. Ms. Robinson wonders if groups can give more.
    4. She is concerned that we will not be able to give 5 to 6 scholarships a year unless we increase contributions.
- C. **Donations:**
1. Saint Francis donated \$500 to the scholarship fund from *Ludi*.
  2. Menlo School donated \$1,251.24.
  3. Carcer proceeds were \$34.25.
  4. Loyola said they would donate \$1,500 from SCRAM, but she has not seen it.
  5. Ms. Robinson and her husband donated \$20, their reimbursement from the STEM challenge..
- D. Mrs. Robinson created a Google form for **scholarship applications**.
1. The online deadline for applying is March 8<sup>th</sup>. The post-marked deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Ben Beckman suggests that the test scores section includes SAT and ACT scores, instead of just SAT scores.
  3. Sydney Higa suggests that the uploaded documents should link to Google drive. By submitting pdf documents to the Google form, a Google folder would automatically be created. Mrs. Robinson plans to discuss this with Sydney after the meeting.
- XI. **Treasurer Report – Lisa Masoni**
- A. **Final Numbers** of JCL Chapters and Delegates for 2017-2018:
    1. There are 52 chapters in total with 2521 JCL members (200 fewer than last year).

2. The budget for spirit, therefore, is \$2,521 since \$1 per person from the state dues goes to nationals. Last year we chartered a bus, but not this year.
- B. New Chapters**
1. There are no new chapters.
  2. Convent and Stuart Hall and Sierra Canyon High School are now active again.
- C. Chapters that did not Renew**
1. The Bentley School, Citrus Valley High School, Fresno High School, Gooden School, John Adams Academy, La Colina Junior High School, Palm Desert High School, Polytechnic School, Pressman Academy, and San Marcos Senior High School did not renew.
  2. Both the high school and middle school teachers at The Bentley School are leaving. The school wants to pay as little as possible, so they are making the positions untenable.
  3. Peter Bota reports that Citrus Valley High School will renew membership next year.
  4. Ms. Masoni will send the list of schools that did not renew to Brian Yu.
- D. Scholarships to Nationals**
1. We gave out only 7 scholarships for nationals.
  2. Only 7 students applied for a scholarship, but we were prepared to give out 10 scholarships.
- XII. New Business and Next Meeting Date:** September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is the next board meeting in the south at Woodbridge High School.
- A. Meeting Remotely**
1. Ms. Altieri reports that it is getting harder and harder to meet, with limited flight options that shorten meetings drastically. She suggests that we try meeting at a southern and northern location.
  2. Peter Bota proposes that we have a trial run next year for the winter meeting.
    - a. Mr. Josh Davis volunteers to organize a meeting for the south.
    - b. Mr. Matt Davis volunteers to organize a meeting for the north.
- B.** Mrs. Altieri explains that there is a **master database for registration** for CJCL events that is online now.
1. Mrs. Altieri and Mrs. Masoni have the most updated information.
  2. If anyone has any questions about registration or membership they should talk to either Mrs. Altieri or Mrs. Masoni.
- C.** Mrs. Altieri reminds us that new board members will use individual position emails and the [board@cajcl.org](mailto:board@cajcl.org) email address to receive information.
- XIII. Adjournment – Athena Davis:** Drew Wadsworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Naomi Rubin  
 CJCL Secretary, 2018-2019