

Illinois Junior Classical League North Minutes – March 27, 2011 First Meeting at Barrington High School

1. David moves to open the meeting at 1:13 pm. Danny seconds the motion.
2. Officers introduce themselves with name, school, extracurricular activities, and other interests.
3. Responsibilities of office are explained.
 - a. President (David Jaffe, Northside)
 - i. Agenda for meetings, scripts, auspices, progress checks for all members, keeping Conrad informed
 - ii. Keeping everyone under control at NJCL
 - b. 1st Vice-President (Tim McDonnell, Lyons Township)
 - i. Publicity
 1. Try to get more schools to attend IJCL.
 - a. In the fall, send some students to schools that have Latin programs but are not involved with JCL.
 - c. 2nd Vice-President (Nisha Mehta, Barrington)
 - i. Leading SPIRIT at NJCL and judging at IJCL
 - ii. Service projects
 1. Start thinking of ideas for fall.
 - d. Parliamentarian (Mary Clare Flaherty, Lyons Township)
 - i. Abiding by *Robert's Rules of Order* (the fun JCL version) at general assemblies
 - ii. Presiding at Nominations Committee, Open Forum, Voting Fellowship, and Constitutional Amendment Committee at IJCL
 - iii. Amendment approving process
 - iv. Finding candidates for the 2012 IJCL election
 - e. Secretary (Danny Washelesky, Northside)
 - i. Taking minutes
 - ii. Printing nametags for IJCL
 - f. Historian (Patrick Wingfield, Lincoln-Way Central)
 - i. *Nuntius* publication
 - ii. Take pictures—lots of pictures!
 - iii. State scrapbook for NJCL
4. Feedback from IJCL 2011 are discussed and changes are suggested.
 - a. There are always complaints about art judging, but that cannot be helped.
 - b. The location was good.
 - c. There were mixed feelings about the food. Some wanted more options.
 - i. Fruits and yogurt should be added to breakfast.
 - d. Conrad suggests adding “classroom sessions” next year.
 - i. Similar to colloquia, but teachers would just teach a Classical subject as they would at their schools. This would allow students to get a taste of different teaching styles and topics.
 - ii. Levels would need to be specified.
 - iii. Some could be student-led (Board members or upperclassmen).

1. Student-teacher pairs may be more effective so that there is less possibility of goofing off.
- e. There should be something fun for people to do during Certamen and after testing so that people do not just go back to their rooms. Get rid of dead time in schedule.
 - i. Classical movie, board games, meet and greet activity, etc.
- f. Certamen could be clearly divided into two leagues (competitive vs. open, serious vs. relaxed, etc.) so that people realize what the competition is before registering.
- g. The banquet should be more formal, either in dress or in procedure (e.g. add an introduction).
 - i. Creative arts winners could perform.
- h. An arrival time for the DJ (as in the music player, not David Jaffe) should be firmly established to avoid late arrival.
- i. The entire schedule of contests will be redone for IJCL 2012.
 - i. This may be sent to schools before convention.
- j. Scripts at general assemblies should be hard copies to avoid confusion due to technolomagical problems.
 - i. There were some inside jokes about NJCL this year.
- k. Registration for contests, including art, was generally efficient.
- l. More supplies were needed at testing (primarily pencils).
- m. Auspices at general assemblies could appeal to a wider audience.
- n. The impromptu artworks that place should be displayed in the art room.
- o. A ratio of chaperones to students should be evaluated.
- p. Roll call should be moved to Thursday, when everyone arrives.
- q. Colloquia should include more interaction and less lecturing.
- r. Signs and posters should be hung up with the schedule.
- s. A school-wide contest should be added.
 - i. Making a banner/crest/shield or model (catapult shooting a marshmallow or boat floating on water)
 - ii. *Ludi* (checkers, chess, badminton, baggo, etc.)
- t. The Lois Dion Scholarship winner's academic and extracurricular pursuits should be described when he or she is given the award.
 - i. Other big awards may also include blurbs (e.g. teacher of the year).
- u. A list of questions should be given to judges for costume contest so that they know what to ask the contestants.
- v. The increase of Sight Latin categories to allow more people to participate was successful.
 - i. The passages should be more fun in the future, though.
- w. It is suggested that convention begin on Friday morning (instead of Thursday afternoon) and go through Saturday evening (instead of morning), but after some debate, the traditional way is deemed better.
 - i. Making convention too short and dense would be less fun and more stressful.
- x. Joe Goodkin (the musician who sang about the *Odyssey*) was great.
 - i. Mary Clare writes a thank-you note to send to him.
- y. The colloquia were good, but some should be geared toward younger students.
- z. New hotels will be considered for next year.

5. Fall Festivus
 - a. Original goal was to give new Latin students and new schools a taste of IJCL without the commitment and cost.
 - b. There is discussion about whether this goal is being reached. If not, how can it be? Should there be a different goal?
 - i. Decision: make more fun and less competitive by getting rid of tests (too early in the year anyway) and having more *ludi* (like ultimate frisbee).
 1. Keep Certamen, though.
 - c. Consideration about inviting IJCL South
6. NJCL 2011
 - a. There is the possibility to stay longer before or after to do non-NJCL related things near the campus, but Kentucky does not have very many things to offer in that respect.
 - i. One night before convention starts is good for settling in.
 - b. Certamen camp (weekend overnight practice) in July is proposed.
 - i. Need to find out if people are interested
7. Next meeting will be at Danny's house at 1 pm on May 15.
 - a. NJCL preparation and summer meetings will be the major topics.
8. *Nuntius* assignments are given for the spring edition.
 - a. An "About Me" section by each officer
 - i. Conrad suggests asking yourself a question that you want to answer. He supplied the example, "Danny might ask himself what his favorite use of the dative case is, and he might answer, 'the double dative because it is twice the fun of any other dative'" (paraphrased).
 - b. A presidential letter by David
 - c. An article about looking forward to NJCL 2011 by Danny
9. David moves to close the meeting at 3:31 pm. Danny seconds the motion.