

Texas State Junior Classical League Spring Board Meeting

Westwood High School, Austin, Texas

May 20, 2017

I. Call to Order

At 10:45 a.m. Walton Schmidt calls the meeting to order.

The board introduces themselves.

II. Attendance

Walton Schmidt, 2016-2017 TSJCL President

Hunter Liu, 2017-2018 TSJCL President

Nikita Jindal, 2016-2017 TSJCL 1st Vice President

Isabella Zou, 2017-2018 TSJCL 1st Vice President

Nate Jennings, 2016-2017 TSJCL 2nd Vice President Proxy

Carl Quist, 2017-2018 TSJCL 2nd Vice President

Neema Djavadzadeh, 2016-2017 TSJCL Treasurer

Karen Valdez, 2017-2018 TSJCL Treasurer

Mila Wetz, 2016-2017 TSJCL Secretary

Will Snider, 2017-2018 TSJCL Secretary

Katherine Salinas, 2016-2017 TSJCL Parliamentarian

William McKinnerney, 2016-2017 TSJCL Webmaster

Arvind Mohan, 2016-2017 TSJCL Area A Chair Proxy

Ethan Durand 2017-2018 TSJCL Area B Chair

Luz Martine-Lucas, 2016-2017 Area C Chair

Aidan Vogelsson, 2017-2018 Area C Chair

Sonia Chen, 2016-2017 Area D Chair

Hnin Hnin Do, 2017-2018 Area D Chair

Sarah Williams, 2017-2018 Area D Chair

Matthew Frizzel, 2016-2017 Area F Chair

Eleanor Frochlich, 2017-2018 Area F Chair

iii. Old Business

A. Minutes from Winter Board Meeting are presented by Mila Wetz

Nikita Jindal moves to approve the minutes.

Katherine Salinas seconds the motion

The motion passes unanimously

B. Officer Reports

President Walton Schmidt

Since the last Board Meeting, I ran all 3 GAs at the State Convention,

ran the English Oratory contest, and assisted with other activities at State such as Nominations Committee, Program of Works, and art registration. I swore in the new President, Hunter Liu, and advised him about how to proceed before the

next Board Meeting. After the State Convention, I assisted Hunter with the interviews for applied offices (including Historian since one was not elected at State), and I assisted Hunter with the Spring Board Meeting invitation and agenda.

1st VP, Nikita Jindal

At the 2017 TSJCL State Convention, I ran the DI Judges and Proctors meeting,

organized and ran Dramatic Interpretation, and helped Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Chu run Sight Recitation. I also ran the awards ceremony. Since the State Convention, I have been in contact with sponsors from schools that left early from the awards ceremony so that I can get their ribbons/ trophies to them. In addition, I have written my Voice of Experience and have advised Isabella on her duties as the new 1st VP of TSJCL.

Treasurer, Neema Djavadzadeh

Since the last board meeting I have: updated the spreadsheet, updated the treasurer's report, and written my VOE for incoming treasurer.

Secretary, Mila Wetz

Since the State convention, I have collected information for honoraria for the colloquia speakers. I have prepared my VOE for the next secretary and edited the minutes from the State General Assemblies.

Historian, Kisara Moore

Since the State Convention, I have: written my VOE, interviewed the Historian candidates and written an evaluation of them, and worked on the state scrapbook

Parliamentarian, Katherine Salinas

Since the last board meeting , I have: prepared ballots for chapters in good standing to vote on the proposed amendments and candidates for elected office, led Nominations Committee and Program of Works at State and ran the election, amended the Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the changes passed at State, gotten candidates for appointed office and organized the appointment process, worked with Hunter, Walton, Kisara, Areeba, and William (and Ms. Dill) to interview candidates, evaluate their applications, and make recommendations, and written my VOE.

Webmaster, William McKinnerney

Since the last Board Meeting, I updated the website and submitted currency updates. At State I helped with art registration and the grading room. Since the

State Convention, I helped interview the candidates for Webmaster and submitted updates for the TSJCL.org website to the Website Contest.

Area A Chair, Conrad Li

Since the State, I have organized my email, set up a proxy to attend the meeting in my absence, responded to emails from incoming JCLers, and written my VOE.

Area B Chair, Helena Campos

Since the Winter Board Meeting, I have: hosted the Area B Convention at Earl Warren High School, attended the TSJCL State Convention, where I ran the Latin Oratory competition, wrote a Voice of Experience for the incoming Area B Chair.

Area C Chair, Luz Martinez-Lucas

Area C preparations were finished and the convention ran successfully. I attended the State Conventions and with the help of other sponsors ran the costume contest. My club appointed new officers, including the TSJCL State

Chairs for the 2018 convention. I wrote the VOE for the incoming Area C chair

Area D Chairs, Sonia Chen and Hunter Liu

Since the Winter Board Meeting, we have: organized a successful Area D Latin Convention, attended state convention, conducted the play contest, and helped with the awards ceremony, elected new club officers in our school, and written our VOE for the incoming Area D officers.

Area F Chair, Matthew Frizzell

I helped to make sure that the Area F convention went very smoothly, attended State and helped host the talent show, which was popular.

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New Business

1. **Convention Report**

Income			
Registration Fees	\$93,112.25		\$93,112.25
Expenses			
Supplies		\$2,154.61	\$90,957.64
Hospitality Room		\$296.70	\$90,660.94
Sponsor Breakfast		\$369.31	\$90,291.63
DJ		\$500.00	\$89,791.63
Bounce House		\$595.40	\$89,196.23
Printing		\$1,769.28	\$87,426.95
Hotel for Colloquia Speakers		\$231.16	\$87,195.79
Dinner Friday		\$10,916.73	\$76,279.06
Breakfast Saturday		\$1,271.76	\$75,007.30
Lunch Saturday		\$9,718.75	\$65,288.55
Dinner Saturday		\$14,500.00	\$50,788.55
Honoraria		\$700.00	\$50,088.55
Host School Stipend		\$2,500.00	\$47,588.55
Tshirts		\$4,906.00	\$42,682.55
Tshirt Profit		\$2,184.00	\$40,498.55
Bank Fees		\$6.00	\$40,492.55
Custodial and Security Fees		\$2,479.03	\$38,013.52
Alan Canelis		\$2,500.00	\$35,513.52
Trophies		\$3,907.10	\$31,606.42
Colloquia travel		\$1,208.26	\$30,398.16
Talent Show Prizes		\$100.00	\$30,298.16
			\$30,298.16

Joey Pang Para says we had 2,031 students attend the State Convention from 94 schools. There was a positive overall response, and the help from volunteers was appreciated. The only small bump was with ludi but it was worked out quickly. He advises future Convention Coordinators to seek volunteer help from students outside the Latin program at their schools.

II. Treasurer's Report:

TSJCL TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 20TH, 2017
NEEMA DJAVADZADEH

Starting Balance (March 31st, 2017): \$48,098.01

Balance at Hand: \$85,716.88

Income	\$62,875.13
Membership Dues	\$1,041.00
State Convention Registrations	\$61,834.13

Expenditures	\$25,256.26
State Convention Food	\$14,600.00
Colloquium Honorum	\$200.00
Grading Room Staff	\$2,500.00
Host School Stipends	\$2,500.00
T-Shirt Revenue for Host Schools	\$2,184.00
Ludi Supplies	\$12.41
Colloquium Presenter Travel	\$780.82
Custodial Services	\$2,479.03

I. Appointment of Officers (Parliamentarian, Editor, and Webmaster

A. Parliamentarian

Hunter Liu talks about the three candidates: Parker Brandt, Sheridan Hardy, and Alexander Zin.

He has concerns about Parker wanting to hold the position to have a position more than to contribute to the TSJCL and his care for the democratic process over everything else.

He recommends Sheridan Hardy because of her extensive knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and previous parliamentary experience.

He mentions Alexander Zin's previous parliamentary experience and his previous applications but feels that Sheridan would be a better parliamentarian.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Walton Schmidt moves to open the floor for 3 minutes.

Nikita Jindal seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

The floor opens at 11:27 am.

Walton Schmidt believes Sheridan is the best pick because of her knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, previous experience, and passion.

Isabella asks about Sheridan's time commitment.

Hunter Liu says TSJCL is the #1 priority for Sheridan.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to close the floor.

Katherine Salinas moves to close the floor.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

The floor is closed at 11:29 am.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go to voting.

Matthew Frizzell so moves.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to appoint a parliamentarian.

Walton Schmidt moves to appoint Sheridan Hardy.

Ethan Durand seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

B. Editor

Areeba did not send in a recommendation prior to the meeting, so Katherine Salinas talks about candidates Spencer Allen and Lorelei Ing.

They are both very interested in the position and have great ideas, but Spencer has much more experience, having worked on magazines, with NDesign, and on numerous other projects.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go straight to voting.

Nikita Jindal moves to go straight to voting.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to appoint a candidate.

Carl Quist moves to appoint Spencer Allen.

Nikita Jindal seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

C. Historian

Candidates – Emma Beucher and Zoey Banover

Kiara's letter says that both candidates, Emma Beuchler and Zoey Banover, are very accomplished, but Emma would be a better Historian because she has a more established interest and innovative and creative ideas, qualities which match those needed.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open floor or go straight to voting.

Matthew Frizzell moves to go straight to voting.

Walton Schmidt seconds the motion.

The motion passes with 1 dissenting vote.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go about voting.

Carl Quist moves to appoint Emma Buechler.

Ethan Durand seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

D. Webmaster

William McKinnerney highly recommends Helen He, the only candidate, because of her good ideas and previous experience as Westlake webmaster.

Hunter Liu entertains motions.

Nikita Jindal moves to go straight to voting.

Ethan Durand seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to appoint a Webmaster.

Isabella Zou moves to appoint Helen He.

Nikita Jindal seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

IV. Preparations for NJCL

A. T-Shirts

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Walton Schmidt moves to open the floor for 30 minutes.

Katherine Salinas seconds the motion.

The motion passes with 1 dissenting vote.

The floor is opened at 11:40 am.

Matthew Frizzell put the first t-shirt mock-up, a design featuring the statue Galatea, into the Dropbox because he needed a placeholder.

Hunter Liu says we need multiple shirts.

We can use a maximum of three colors for each, and we will use the purple and gold TSJCL columns shirt again.

Ms. Jennings says she has the first place finisher from the State Convention shirt contest for consideration. This one can be entered into the National Convention's shirt contest as well, so we can invest the most money into it. She also has the pricing from a place in Atascocita that makes t-shirts but realizes Amarillo usually makes the shirts. She passes around the design and displays other top five finishers from the State convention on the board. The pricing for three hundred people is roughly \$7.00 each for five colors and \$5.50 for one color, which adds to around \$18.00 per student.

The second design (after the purple and gold columns) features a bird, bluebonnets, and a Texas logo adding up to five colors. This one is tabled for the time being.

The third design has a light green base and features a torch flanked by bluebonnets on the front and a cute soldier boy sitting next to the Thinker on the back. It is decided that this shirt will be used as inspiration for the Troy Story design or be used on the first day of the National Convention.

The fourth design has the state of Texas on the front and a picture of Romulus, Remus and Lupa on the back in blue, brown, and black with a white base.

Walton Schmidt asks if anyone has suggestions to pick two.

Matthew Frizzell likes the green one with the soldier boy, but there are concerns about having bluebonnets on both that one and the bird one.

After deciding the green one needs some revision, it is decided that the soldier boy should be dragging a toy Trojan Horse.

Ms. Jennings asks if this will be the design submitted to the National Convention and how many colors the shirt will have because the two criteria for the National contest are color and connection to theme. Maybe we should make this shirt have two colors in order to open up space for the other shirt to have more colors.

It is decided that the State shirt will be the one featuring the bird and the soldier boy shirt will be for Troy Story. Additionally, the background of the bird shirt will be white and the Texas logo will be red.

The floor is closed at 12:10 pm.

Walton Schmidt moves to recess until 1:11 pm.

Luz Martine-Lucas seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

The Spring Board Meeting is recessed at 12:11 pm.

The Spring Board Meeting is reconvened at 1:20pm.

Hunter Liu entertains motions.

Carl Quist moves to open floor for 15 minutes.

Matthew Frizzell seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

The floor is opened at 1:21 pm.

Carl Quist talks about his Troy Story idea and passes around a doodle. The idea is a little kid wearing a toy helmet and dragging a wooden horse, a Troy Story label with a font very similar to the Toy Story font, and a pale yellow background with blood red ink.

Nate Jennings has concerns about the shirt looking like ketchup and mustard.

Walton Schmidt says we can approve the design now and assign colors to it later.

William McKinnerney projects the state t-shirt design featuring the bird on the whiteboard.

Hunter Liu, Walton Schmidt, and Nikita Jindal talk about the state design in hushed tones.

Walton Schmidt asks if anyone has any issues with the design.

Ms. Jennings says to decide colors of shirt we can subtract a color from the bird and add it to the Texas outline.

William McKinnerney reminds everyone that more colors means a higher cost.

Matthew Frizzell has a concern about the number of different colors in the bluebonnets.

Hunter Liu suggests we remove the light blue from bluebonnets but keep the details of the bird.

Carl Quist likes the sand colored background.

Katherine Salinas and Nikita Jindal say we won't stand out wearing tan.

To keep all bird colors we need sand or white.

Matthew Frizzell says the sand color is too close to skin color for many.

Ms. Jennings mentions that white gets dirty but not too hot.

Walton Schmidt thinks the white is good with a red Texas logo.

Ethan Durand is concerned about the white being used in the bird and it not working with the background.

Carl Quist wants to keep the dark blue on the bluebonnets.

Ms. J suggests keeping all bird colors, a red Texas logo, a white background, moving the design to the back & logo to the front, and making the logo a little bigger (upon Nikita Jindal's request to remove blank space).

Ms. Dill says to check the spelling of the motto because it is misspelled.

Overall, people like Carl Quist's Troy Story design, which has a legal pad yellow background and dark red inking.

Katherine Salinas is worried about copyright issues arising with the Toy Story font, but Carl Quist says everything is legal though parody laws as long as we use a font that is similar but not exactly the same as the Toy Story font.

The floor is closed at 1:36 pm.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to reopen the floor.

Nikita Jindal moves to reopen the floor for 20 minutes.

Isabella Zou seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

The floor is opened at 1:37 pm.

Everyone talks among themselves.

Walton Schmidt suggests a full color Texas logo on the state t-shirt

Katherine Salinas says it's too cluttered.

William McKinnerney says it needs to be black and white.

Hunter Liu, Carl Quist, and Ms. Jennings are trying to make a state t-shirt mock-up.

Katherine Salinas notes that all motions made within the last five minutes have been completely unnecessary and wishes everyone would follow correct parliamentary procedure.

William McKinnerney and Carl Quist pull up color ideas on the screen. The ideas are a popcorn yellow on the bottom and a merlot red color on top or vice versa.

Nate Jennings has concerns about it looking like mustard and wine.

Nearly everyone is confused as Isabella Zou and Carl Quist confer.

Hunter Liu entertains motions.

Ethan Durand moves to close the floor.

Nate Jennings seconds the motion.

The motion passes with 7 dissenting votes.

Floor closes at 1:50 pm.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor again.

No motions.

Neema Djavadzadeh moves to go to voting.

Karen Valdez seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Walton Schmidt moves that the background be Merlot.

No one seconds the motion.

The motion fails.

Carl Quist moves to approve a yellow background and red Troy Story shirt design.

Nikita Jindal seconds the motion.

The motion passes with 2 dissenting votes.

Neema Djavadzadeh proposes to approve both shirts (design and color).

Matthew Frizzell seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

B. Spirit Themes

Hunter Liu asks if anyone has cheer ideas.

A dog distracts the right side of the room.

Isabella Zou suggests that everyone split into fours and come up with cheers.

Hunter Liu and Walton Schmidt don't think they need to be decided now.

a. Area Assignments

One area does props for each day (4), and one area makes t-shirts.

Isabella Zou writes a list on the board detailing the prop or shirt duties of each area.

Chaos ensues.

List of Assignments for each area:

Area A – All T-shirts and flags

Area B – Props Tuesday (nature ones)

Area C – Props Wednesday (Troy Story)

Area D – Props Friday (Sweet Home JCL)

Area F – Props Thursday (Purple and Gold)

b. Budget

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No one seconds the motion.

The motion fails.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor (again).

Walton Schmidt moves to open the floor for 4 minutes.

Neema Djavadzadeh seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

The floor is opened at 2:06 pm.

Walton Schmidt asks if the budget was \$200 last year.

Paper Mache flowers last year were cool.

Walton Schmidt thinks we should keep it at what it was last year.

Matthew Frizzell asks if this year's budget was the same from 2 years ago.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to close the floor.

Nikita Jindal moves to close the floor.

Karen Valdez seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go to voting.

Carl Quist moves to go to voting.

Nate Jennings seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to approve or disapprove the budget.

Walton Schmidt moves to keep the budget the same at \$200.

Ethan Durand seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

General Instructions from State Chairs

William Lee provides instructions and information regarding electronic communication and social media. He mentions each board member's need to check their TSJCL email every day, respond from that TSJCL account, know that sponsors do not always get the email and take responsibility, and discuss with teachers and sponsors when someone sends a rude email.

William McKinnerney says each board member will receive an email to their personal email regarding their pending TSJCL email.

- **Other New Business**

Mentors for Board Members

President Hunter Liu – Kimberly Read

1st VP Isabella Zou – Miranda Wenzlaff

2nd VP Carl Quist – Kimberly Read

Secretary Will Snider – Miranda Wenzlaff

Treasurer Karen Valdez -- Lauren Dill

Historian Emma Buechler -- Lauren Dill

Parliamentarian Sheridan Hardy – Miranda Wenzlaff

Editor Spencer Allan – Joan Romanosky

Webmaster Helen He – William Lee (and Lauren Dill for membership, registration, and online payments)

Convention Coordinators Ethan Durand and Parker Buckles – Joan Romanosky

Area A Chairs Nate Jennings and Katherine O'Brien – William Lee

Area B Chair Jared Lange – William Lee

Area C Chair Aidan Vogelsson – Joan Romanosky

Area D Chairs Hnin Hnin Oo and Sariah Williams – Kimberly Read

Area F Chair Eleanor Froehlich – Lauren Dill

William Lee tells the board members to get a trusted adult to go with them to the any particular board meeting if their sponsor can't come. He also says that each board member will be reimbursed via check for the lowest amount it costs to go to the National Convention (\$395 for 2017), but the members will not be reimbursed for travel.

Lauren Dill proposes September 16 as the date for the Fall Board Meeting.

Everyone can make it except Ethan Durand, but he has a co-chair who can.

Isabella Zou of Westlake High School offers to host.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go to voting.

Isabella Zou moves to go to voting.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to vote on the official date of the Fall Board Meeting.

Carl Quist moves to approve September 16, 2017.

Karen Valdez seconds the motion.

The motion passes with 1 dissenting vote (from Ethan Durand).

The SCL representatives come into the room and give an update on business since the last meeting.

Bryce Deskins, the TXSCL treasurer, says the current dollar total is \$1966.33. The TXSCL will introduce new merchandise, soccer scarves, at the National Convention. They will be purple and gold and have some sort of Latin phrase on them. The TXSCL also has many leftover t-shirts from last National Convention, and they wish to link the organization and the shirts. Additionally, they will not order a new batch of shirts until the National Convention.

Angel Perez-Cortes, the TXSCL Vice President, says electronic payments have been running smoothly. He also mentions that the TXSCL will be able to provide a college scholarship to classics majors for the first time, but it still needs some work. They are thinking of starting the scholarship at \$500.00 to make sure it is sustainable and of officially announcing the scholarship at the National Convention even though it is still in the germination process. Maybe they will have an unbiased party decide who gets the scholarship. Membership is up by 11 people, and they are working on forming chapters as well as affiliating and consolidating existing chapters within the TXSCL. Finally, he announces that TXSCL officer elections happen at the National Convention.

Adjournment

Hunter Liu entertains motions to adjourn.

Neema Djavadzadeh moves to adjourn.

Walton Schmidt seconds the motion.

The motion passes with 1 dissenting vote from Katherine Salinas.

Officers Meet With Predecessors and Mentors