

TSJCL Winter Board Meeting

Naaman Forest High School

January 6, 2018

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Hunter Liu, *TSJCL President*, calls the meeting to order at 10:27 A.M.

II. Attendance

Hunter Liu, *TSJCL President*
Isabella Zou, *TSJCL 1st Vice President*
Carl Quist, *TSJCL 2nd Vice President*
Will Snider, *TSJCL Secretary*
Abby Ostmo, *TSJCL Treasurer*
Emma Buechler, *TSJCL Historian*
Sheridan Hardy, *TSJCL Parliamentarian*
Spencer Allan, *TSJCL Editor*
Helen He, *TSJCL Webmaster*
Nate Jennings, *TSJCL Area A Co-Chair*
Katherine O'Brien, *TSJCL Area A Co-Chair*
Aidan Vogelsson, *TSJCL Area C Chair*
Hnin Hnin Oo, *TSJCL Area D Co-Chair*
Sariah Williams, *TSJCL Area D Co-Chair*
Eleanor Froehlich, *TSJCL Area F Chair*
Ethan Durand, *TSJCL Convention Co-Coordinator*
Parker Buckles, *TSJCL Convention Co-Coordinator*
Walton Schmidt, *TXSCL Secretary*
Madison Whitaker, *TXSCL Treasurer*
Katherine Salinas, *TXSCL Parliamentarian*
William McKinnerney, *TXSCL Historian*
Miranda Wenzlaff, *State Chair*
Joan Romanosky, *State Chair*
William Lee, *State Chair*
Kimberly Read, *State Chair*
Vanessa Jones, *Sponsor for Carl Quist*
Lisa Driever, *Sponsor for Carl Quist*
Andy Ellis, *Sponsor for Eleanor Froehlich*
Rachael Clark, *Convention Host*
Paula Read, *Sponsor for Hunter Liu*
Alan Abbe, *Sponsor for Isabella Zou and Helen He*
Jennifer Luongo, *Sponsor for Will Snider*
Garret Yates, *Sponsor for Hnin Hnin Oo*
Nicole Lehmann, *Sponsor for Sheridan Hardy*
Shawn Jennings
Brian Carlson

III. Old Business

a. Minutes from TSJCL Fall Board Meeting, *Will Snider, TSJCL Secretary*

Hunter Liu entertains motions to dispense with reading of the minutes from the Winter Board Meeting.

Nate Jennings moves to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

b. Officer Reports

i. *Hunter Liu, TSJCL President*

I revised the conventional schedule after contacting the convention coordinators, prepared the English Oratory judging sheet, and made adjustments to the English Oratory sign-in sheets. I also interviewed treasurer candidates, collected votes, and sent letters of notification to the treasurer candidates.

ii. *Isabella Zou, TSJCL 1st Vice President*

Since the Fall board meeting, I have worked on:

- **DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION/SIGHT RECITATION**
 - Updated judging sheets for both contests, using NJCL passages for DI
 - Updated and made formatting edits to sign-in sheets for judges and students
- **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**
 - Maintained contact with Blue Ribbon Awards in preparation for placing trophy order
- **SERVICE PROJECT**
 - Maintained contact with homeless shelters and continued reaching out to new ones to organize service project donation delivery
 - Drafted service project announcement
 - Compiled note-writing guidelines and samples

iii. *Carl Quist, TSJCL 2nd Vice President*

I updated the art judging sheets to reflect the changes in judging criteria, grading strategies and to clarify rules. All the sheets except costume, community service, poetry, and the papers were changed to reflect the change in how the judging criteria are weighted. On Community service, the only change was updating the date. No changes were made to the costume sheet. On research paper and creative writing, the only changes were updating the topics. On the poetry sheet, under point 4, I added the extra sentence about "the judges will take into consideration..." as that is present in the rules and this clarifies grading criterion IV. No other changes were made.

iv. *Will Snider, TSJCL Secretary*

Since the last board meeting, I prepared and sent out the TSJCL Membership Packet, edited the minutes from the previous board meeting, and began to contact potential speakers for colloquia.

v. *Abby Ostmo, TSJCL Treasurer*



vi. *Emma Buechler, TSJCL Historian*

I updated and revised the judging sheets for the poster and scrapbooking contests and I created judging sheets for the cartoons and illustrated quotations contests. I also created a personal excel sheet for the publications contest.

vii. *Sheridan Hardy, TSJCL Parliamentarian*

Since the last board meeting, I've emailed students who expressed interest in running for state office. I also found students interested in assuming the vacant office of treasurer and worked with Hunter to interview candidates for appointment. We recommended Abby Ostmo for the position of treasurer and she was approved by the board.

viii. *Spencer Allan, TSJCL Editor*

Since the last meeting, I finalized the Fall Issue of *Torch* for digital publication, worked with the Editor of the NJCL *Torch* to put together a section for the TSJCL in the national magazine, prepared the framework for the Winter Issue of *Torch*, and updated the judging sheets to match the newly revised rules.

ix. *Helen He, TSJCL Webmaster*

Website Changes: Updated State Convention page with new contest rules, updated NJCL page, added new 2018 files to database, added new FORUM page for news and updates.

x. *Nate Jennings and Katherine O'Brien, TSJCL Area A Chairs*

Since the last board meeting, we have composed an invitation to and begun planning for the Area A Certamen competition on February 3rd and Area A Convention on March 3rd, and revised the judging sheets for the state vocal competition to agree with the accepted amendments to the rules during the Fall board meeting.

xi. *Jared Lange, Area B Chair*

Logistics for the Area B convention on February 24 are proceeding according to plans. The local teachers have opted to add a high point trophy award for each academic contest to match state and nationals. We will order these from Monarch.

xii. *Aidan Vogelson, Area C Chair*

Registration for Area C is up. We have a schedule and we have secured the necessary facilities. We have started scheduling volunteers and we have arranged catering. We are preparing to submit and produce copies of the written tests. We need to order Scantrons and we need to get prizes. I will be designing shirts for volunteers and contacting educators to run the colloquia.

xiii. *Hnin Hnin Oo and Sariah Williams, TSJCL Area D Chairs*

Since the Fall Board Meeting, we have: Assigned rooms for Area D's convention at Palo Duro High School, gotten registration materials prepped and ready to be sent out at the beginning of the semester, designed the staff shirts for our convention, and figured out what we need to order for our convention (pencils, shirts for staff, trophies).

xiv. *Eleanor Froehlich, TSJCL Area F Chair*

Since the last meeting I have prepared for the Area F competition. The registration is live and I have started reaching out to find judges for the Talent Show.

xv. *Ethan Durand and Parker Buckles, TSJCL Convention Coordinators*

Since the fall board meeting, we have addressed the issues of providing the meals for the convention and setting aside rooms for those traveling at hotels near Naaman Forest High School. We have contacted several food trucks in the Dallas area to provide dinner on the 14th and donating cases of water bottles and placed catering orders with Jason's

Deli and Panera Bread for the other meals. We have also spoken with the hotels on our list and received a discounted price from some of them for those who say they are with TSJCL. We have created a rough outline of what rooms in the school we think would be appropriate for certain activities. We have also begun to recruit volunteers from our school's Latin and NHS clubs to help on the days of the convention.

c. TXSCL Report, *Walton Schmidt, TXSCL Secretary*

The TXSCL is working on merchandise. He tells everyone to buy some when they get the chance so the TXSCL can have more money and to look for the merchandise at the state convention. Additionally, Katherine Salinas, *TXSCL Parliamentarian*, is currently in the process of revising the TXSCL Constitution.

IV. New Business

a. Contest Judging Sheets

i. English Oratory, *Hunter Liu, TSJCL President*

Hunter Liu updated the English Oratory topic.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open floor for discussion.

No motions are offered.

ii. Dramatic Interpretation and Sight Recitation, *Isabella Zou, TSJCL 1st Vice President*

For Dramatic Interpretation, Isabella Zou changed the language "boy" and "girl" to "male character" and "female character." She also updated the passages for the contest. Spencer Allan looks it over and changes "boy" to "male character" on the sign-in sheets. For Sight Recitation, Isabella Zou changed the aesthetics of the sheets and the year for both the rules and sign-in sheets.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

iii. Classical Civilization Contests, *Carl Quist, TSJCL 2nd Vice President*

Carl Quist changed the grading weight for the Watercolor or Pastels, Monochromatic Art, Polychromatic Art, Oil or Acrylic, Mosaic, Mixed Media, Sculpture, Miscellaneous Art, Pottery, and Electronic Artwork contests. He added a rule to the Poetry contest regarding how the judges should grade. He also changed the topic for the Creative Writing, Research Paper contests. He updated the year for the Community Service contest submission.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

iv. Publicity, Scrapbook, and Poster Contests, *Emma Buechler, TSJCL Historian*

The Cartoons and Illustrated Quotations contests are completely new, so Emma Buechler wrote the rules. She fixed spelling issues in the Digital and Traditional Scrapbook rules. She made no edits to the Poster contests rules.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Carl Quist moves to open the floor for three minutes.

Nate Jennings seconds the motion.

The motion barely passes, and the floor is opened at 10:50 A.M.

Carl Quist asks about separating neatness from originality in the rules. Emma Buechler responds that they had been separated. Kimberly Read says that we need to reflect on the official TSJCL rules that had already been approved. Carl Quist and Emma Buechler talk quietly and not everyone can hear.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to close the floor.

Carl Quist so moves.

Adian Vogelsson seconds the motion.

The motion passes, and the floor is closed at 10:52 A.M.

v. Photography and T-Shirt Contests, *Spencer Allan, TSJCL Editor*

Spencer Allan has technical difficulties, so we skip this and plan to double back later.

vi. Vocal Solo and Ensemble, *Nate Jennings and Katherine O'Brien, TSJCL Area A Chairs*

For the Vocal Ensemble contest, Nate Jennings and Katherine O'Brien made edits to the rules based on the feedback they received at the fall board meeting. Additionally, they added the language "name of" musical piece to the rules for clarity. They did the same for the Vocal Solo contest.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

vii. Latin Oratory, *Jared Lange, TSJCL Area B Chair*

Jared Lange is not here, so William Lee says that Jared updated the year and passage from last year's Latin Oratory rules.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

viii. Costume, *Aidan Vogelsson, TSJCL Area C Chair*

Aidan Vogelsson also has technical difficulties, so we skip this and plan to double back later.

ix. Play, *Hnin Hnin Oo and Sariah Williams, TSJCL Area D Chairs*

The only change to the play rules is the date.

x. Photography and T-Shirt Contests, *Spencer Allan, TSJCL Editor*

Joan Romanosky emails Hunter Liu the correct sheets and forms.

For the Traditional and Computer Enhanced Photo contests' judging sheets, Spencer Allan changed the grading rules, clarified the instructions on how to submit, limited entries to one per applicant, and eliminated the mandatory signature. He did the same for the T-Shirt contest but did not change anything regarding signatures. He changed the point values for the Club T-Shirt contest.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Carl Quist moves to open the floor for four minutes.

Spencer Allan seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the floor is opened at 11:01 A.M.

Kimberly Read and Joan Romanosky mention that the signature for the Traditional and Computer Enhanced Photo Contests must be required because it is required in the overall arts contests rules. William Lee says that if the signature is required on the art judging sheets, it needs to be on every other sheet. Spencer Allan mentions that he only changed the rules for the photo contests but that he will add the rule back. Carl Quist confirms that signatures are not required according to the Classical Civilization rules. It is decided that the rule does not need to be there, so Spencer Allan will keep everything the same as he had it before.

The chair absorbs the remainder of the time at 11:04 A.M.

xi. *Costume, Aidan Vogelsson, TSJCL Area C Chair*

Aidan Vogelsson only updated the date and got rid of the time limit because there has been no decided uniform time limit.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go to voting.

Ethan Durand so moves.

Katherine O'Brien seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to approve or deny amendments to the TSJCL Judging Sheets.

Carl Quist moves to approve all amendments.

Aidan Vogelsson seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the TSJCL Judging Sheets are approved.

b. *Talent Show, Eleanor Froehlich, TSJCL Area F Chair*

There is no official judging sheet, but Eleanor Froehlich changed the dates on the flyer.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to approve or deny the TSJCL Talent Show Flyer.

Ethan Durand moves to approve the flyer.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously and the TSJCL Talent Show Flyer is approved.

c. Convention Update

i. Registration Packet, *Ethan Durand and Parker Buckles, TSJCL Convention Coordinators*

The registration packet is not yet finished, so we do not look over it.

ii. Convention Schedule, *Hunter Liu, TSJCL President*

Hunter Liu says the schedule is essentially the same as last year except we may need to add a time for spirit and a time for the service project. Spirit can be before the final general assembly or during its first ten minutes.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Isabella Zou moves to open the floor for five minutes.

Spencer Allan seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the floor is opened at 11:11 A.M.

Hunter Liu suggests that the service project can happen during any free time or dinner. Isabella Zou says that she originally planned for the project to run Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Parker Buckles suggests finding a place to house the project on the tour of the school. Isabella Zou says that the room needs to fit about twenty to thirty people. Spencer Allan asks if the room would need to house the project during the whole convention. Isabella Zou says that would be ideal. Hunter Liu says we should specify a time so there does not need to be someone in the room for the entire convention. Isabella Zou mentions that it would be easier to remember a specific time as well. Parker

Buckles suggests 8:30-11:00 P.M. on Friday, April 13. The idea is generally accepted. Carl Quist suggests during lunch on Saturday, April 14. This suggestion is met with some grumbling.

The floor is closed at 11:16 A.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to reopen the floor.

Isabella Zou moves to reopen the floor for five minutes.

Spencer Allan seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the floor is opened at 11:16 A.M.

Spencer Allan mentions that he had to miss lunch last year to go home, so he suggests the first opening be before lunch on Saturday, April 14. Carl Quist suggests making one of the openings a colloquium. We decide to have the time slots be during colloquia from 11:00-12:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:30 P.M. on Saturday, April 14 in addition to Friday night. Additionally, sock drop-off will be available all the time.

Regarding setting a time for spirit, Katherine O'Brien asks what is scheduled right before the final general assembly. Carl Quist says dinner is during that time slot. Hunter Liu thinks spirit will take fifteen minutes at a maximum. Parker Buckles asks if we need spirit props, and Hunter says that spirit will only be an introduction, not a full-fledged spirit like at the national convention. William Lee suggests adding a time to a tentative schedule but asks why we want to add it right before the final general assembly instead of adding spirit as a part of the final general assembly. We decide to add spirit to the schedule of the final general assembly.

The floor is closed at 11:22 A.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions.

No motions are offered.

d. Workshops and Seminars, *Will Snider, TSJCL Secretary*

Will Snider says that he has sent out an initial round of emails to potential colloquia speakers and that he would like to offer a certain speaker, Justin Slocum Bailey, a higher honorarium than the typical \$100 because he would be an especially strong presenter.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Ethan Durand moves to open the floor for four minutes.

Aidan Vogelsson seconds the motion.

The motion passes, and the floor is opened at 11:25 A.M.

Miranda Wenzlaff says that she knows the TSJCL has paid presenters more than the typical amount but not exactly how much. Shawn Jennings adds that we could cover air fare and hotel costs. Jennifer Luongo says we have paid up to \$500 in the past for a band. Justin could do multiple colloquia and even an outside event after convention.

The floor is closed at 11:29 A.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to reopen the floor.

Carl Quist moves to open the floor for five more minutes.

Nate Jennings seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the floor is opened at 11:29 A.M.

Nate Jennings asks what Justin is worth to us. William Lee says that he is very knowledgeable about spoken Latin and lived language. Will Snider points out that he would do multiple talks, so it would be worth paying him more. Spencer Allan asks how much the cost would be once travel and hotel costs are paid. William Lee states that the honorarium would be an additional cost or appearance fee. He asks how much money we should offer Justin to make ourselves a more attractive option. Katherine O'Brien suggests a \$200 honorarium. The state chairs were thinking closer to \$500 due to Justin's prestige. Carl Quist asks if travel costs are included in the colloquium budget. They are not.

The floor closes at 11:34 A.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to reopen the floor.

Isabella Zou moves to open the floor for five more minutes.

Spencer Allan seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the floor is opened at 11:35 A.M.

Nate Jennings points out that paying Justin \$500 would be a quarter of the colloquium budget. Miranda Wenzlaff mentions that sometimes people don't take money for presenting or they lose it in the parking lot. That may be extra money, but we cannot count on it. Hunter Liu asks if there is any further discussion. Nate Jennings asks if we need to sweeten any other deals. Will Snider says we do not.

The absorbs the remaining time at 11:37 A.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go to voting.

Nate Jennings so moves.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go about voting.

Carl Quist moves to approve the entirety of the proposed colloquium costs.

Spencer Allen seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the proposed colloquium costs are accepted.

e. Officer Candidate Nomination Form Update, *Sheridan Hardy, TSJCL
Parliamentarian*

Sheridan Hardy only updated the names, dates, and emails on the officer nomination form.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to approve or deny the changes to the officer nomination form.

Carl Quist moves to approve the changes.

Eleanor Froehlich seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the changes are approved.

There is a brief debate about whether to break for lunch, but the food has not yet arrived, so we continue on.

f. Area Convention Updates, *TSJCL Area Chairs*

The Area A chairs, Katherine O'Brien and Nate Jennings, have sent out registration forms and prepared for the Certamen portion of their convention to occur on February 3.

Jared Lange, the Area B chair, has sent out registration packets for the Area B convention to occur on February 23-24. Additionally, Area B will hand out high point trophies this year and Certamen will be a part of sweepstakes.

Aidan Vogelsson, the Area C chair, has opened registration and sorted out catering for the convention, which will occur entirely on February 24. He needs to print tests and is starting to look for Area C colloquia.

The Area D chairs, Hnin Hnin Oo and Sariah Williams, have scheduled the Area D convention for February 24. They are currently figuring out catering and the registration forms will be sent on Monday, January 8.

Eleanor Froehlich, the Area F chair, has opened registration, which will all be online, for the Area F convention, which will occur on February 23-24.

g. Service Project, *Isabella Zou, TSJCL 1st Vice President*

The service project is a sock drive. Isabella is preparing an announcement but not sure when it would go out. Miranda Wenzlaff suggests putting it in the state registration packet, sending an email, or posting on Facebook. We will do all of these. Isabella Zou asks what to call the recipients of the email. She should say something like "Dear Sponsors." Isabella Zou also wants to put posters in the sock drop-off room that raise awareness about the actual facts of homelessness. Spencer Allan asks if Isabella Zou has contacted any organizations to work with. She has. Everyone reads the note-writing guidelines Isabella Zou has pulled up on the projector.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to approve the service project.

Ethan Durand so moves.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the service project is approved.

Hunter Liu entertains motions.

Carl Quist moves to adjourn for lunch until 12:30 P.M.

Ethan Durand seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously. We adjourn and will reconvene at 12:30 P.M.

- h. Tour of Convention Site, *Ethan Durand and Parker Buckles, TSJCL Convention Coordinators*

Instead of reconvening the meeting, we leave to tour the school at 12:44 P.M. The school is very large.

Hunter Liu calls the meeting back to order at 2:10 P.M.

- i. Spirit, *Hunter Liu, TSJCL President*

State spirit will last around ten minutes. We will practice the Deep in the Heart, TSJCL, and Torch cheers and have a competition between the left and right sides of the gym.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

No motions are offered.

- j. State Chair Announcements, *William Lee, State Chair*
 - i. Communication and Commitment Reminder

The members of the TSJCL board need to check their emails at least once a day and respond within twenty-four hours. Additionally, the state chairs are concerned that the TSJCL is not a top priority for everyone on the TSJCL board. Excluding unavoidable conflicts, everyone needs to make the TSJCL their top priority. This is not directed towards officers not here today but has been an issue for years and needs to be addressed. The state chairs suggest adding something to the officer nomination form about making the TSJCL a top priority.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor or amend the officer nomination form.

Carl Quist moves to add something to the officer nomination form that outlines the TSJCL's assumption that the TSJCL will be the potential officer's top priority.

Nate Jennings seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the officer nomination form will be amended.

ii. Scantron Budget

Money has not been allotted to buy new Scantron sheets and more are needed for the state convention. This cost needs to either be added to the budget or made a convention expense.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor or amend the treasurer's report.

Spencer Allan moves to open the floor for five minutes.

Ethan Durand seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the floor is opened at 2:20 P.M.

Carl Quist suggests that we use what we have and then make the cost for the excess a convention expense. It turns out that we don't have any. Emma Buechler agrees that the cost should be a convention expense. William Lee says that Scantrons are very expensive and we need to think carefully. Carl Quist asks what the total price would be. William Lee, after deliberating with the other state chairs, says that 2.5 boxes of 5,000 Scantrons each costs \$895. He adds that the idea is to enough for two or three conventions so that the TSJCL does not have to pay if the price goes up. The state chairs would authorize no more than \$8,000 total to be filed as an independent expense rather than a convention expense. Future boards can also reference this number.

The chair absorbs the remaining thirty-seven seconds at 2:24 P.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to approve the addition of \$8,000 to the TSJCL budget for Scantrons.

Carl Quist so moves.

Emma Buechler seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and \$8,000 will be added to the TSJCL budget.

iii. Greek Ludi Test

The Greek Ludi test has been offered at the state convention before, but there has been very low participation. The state chairs think the TSJCL should stop offering the event.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Ethan Durand moves to open the floor for five minutes.

Isabella Zou seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the floor is opened at 2:26 P.M.

Katherine O'Brien asks the average number of people that take the test every year. William Lee responds that around five people usually take the test and the effort and time to write the test are now more detrimental than the actual test is beneficial. Not very many schools offer Greek anymore. There is general agreement to get rid of Greek Ludi.

The chair absorbs the remaining two minutes and twenty-nine seconds at 2:29 P.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go straight to voting.

Ethan Durand so moves.

Katherine O'Brien seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to go about voting.

Carl Quist moves to do away with the Greek Ludi test at the state convention.

Aidan Vogelsson seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the Greek Ludi test will be scratched from the next state convention.

iv. Cetamen Rules

The state chairs would like to review last year's Certamen rules. They propose a change to level the novice division because right now novice players can only compete at the national convention once. That hurts schools with multi-year Latin I programs because many teachers will hold back their students from playing Certamen to their highest ability until their 8th grade year regardless of skill. The proposed level change is to say that any player on a winning novice team at the state convention may not compete at the

novice level again. This proposal will be discussed in full at another meeting and is just being put out into the ether.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Spencer Allan moves to open the floor for five minutes.

Isabella Zou seconds the motion.

The motion passes, and the floor is opened at 2:34 P.M.

Spencer Allan points out that middle school Latin programs are not uniform. Carl Quist thinks there are not enough middle school Certamen teams to warrant a rule change. Eleanor Froehlich points out that Area F has a lot of middle school teams. Sheridan Hardy reminds everyone to raise their hands and wait to be recognized by Hunter Liu.

The chair absorbs the remaining three minutes, and the floor is closed at 2:36 P.M.

William Lee says that he wants to hear everyone's opinions for future boards to look over. The rules were structured to line up with those of the national convention. He adds that areas can choose who plays at the state convention and that the concern is that it is unfair for first-year Latin students to play against students who have been playing Certamen for a whole year.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to reopen the floor.

Carl Quist moves to open the floor for ten more minutes.

Aidan Vogelsson seconds the motion.

The motion passes, and the floor is reopened at 2:39 P.M.

Brian Carlson says that the problem with Area C is that students' primary opportunities to play Certamen competitively are at the area and state conventions, where they lose eligibility to play at the novice level. There are struggles travelling to tournaments in other areas. He asks how to handle the eligibility issue when teachers just want to give their students opportunities to play Certamen. He says there is no right answer that will make everyone happy.

Jennifer Luongo says that the current rules perpetuate inequality between the areas. She thinks that novice players who play at the national level should have to move on to

intermediate but not students who play at state. She is concerned about killing the enthusiasm of kids just starting to play Certamen by forcing them to move up a level when they may have only played one or two tournaments.

Joan Romanosky provides an example. Her sixth grade students got third at the state level in the novice division and now have to play intermediate as seventh graders. She agrees with Ms. Luongo. William Lee points out that her students now have a year of Latin experience under their belts which would give them an unfair advantage over students just beginning Latin. Joan Romanosky is considering banning sixth graders from playing Certamen so they do not have to move up as seventh graders and although they would play intermediate as eighth graders anyway, she does not want to have the same issue arise again.

Carl Quist feels that it would make the most sense to make only students who play at nationals move up into intermediate. Will Snider says that if he had played intermediate Certamen in eighth grade he would probably not be playing still.

Brian Carlson points out that there are currently no rules regarding time of expose. He suggests adding a middle school division so students can play Certamen without losing eligibility. He also points out that students can still have taken Latin for a year before playing Certamen and would be familiar with Latin but still be able to play at the novice level.

William Lee suggests encouraging travel and more tournaments as a way for students to become more acquainted with Certamen.

The floor is closed at 2:49 P.M.

Hunter Liu entertains motions to open the floor.

Spencer Allan moves to open the floor for ten minutes.

Carl Quist seconds the motion.

The motion passes, and the floor is closed at 2:49 P.M.

Emma Buechler suggests allowing students to play two years of intermediate Certamen and asks if the jump from novice to intermediate is very large. It is. Spencer Allan says that allowing two years of novice would lump together Latin 1/2 A and 1/2 B students, which would be worse than combining novice and intermediate students. He likes the idea of a middle school division.

Joan Romanosky points out that there is no middle school division at the national convention. William Lee says there would only be three or four teams for a middle school division at nationals. There is not really a fair solution. He is comfortable adding

a second year to the intermediate level and leaving novice players only eligible to play for one year. He suggests that only winners of the intermediate division at state would have to move up to advanced.

Jennifer Luongo points out that the middle school and novice divisions in Area F combine to play at state. She also says that students who play at nationals need to be distinguished in some way. They work over the summer and work very hard, but other students may work the same way if given the opportunity. The kids who play at nationals simply have more Latin under their belts. There is an inequity between the areas that hurts Texas as a whole.

Brian Carlson suggests having a “novice A” division that would only be open to first year players and a “open novice” division for students who have finished one year of Latin but are still in Latin I. Joan Romanosky clarifies that no one from the “novice A” division could play at nationals and asks if the idea might work better if “novice A” was just for level 1/2 and not for level I. Brian Carlson likes the idea because it is friendly to Certamen development and first year students can compete against students with similar skill levels. He is, however, worried about how many people might sign up.

The floor is closed at 2:59 P.M.

Hunter Liu has to leave the meeting, so Isabella Zou takes over the duties of the chair.

Isabella Zou entertains motions to open the floor.

Spencer Allan moves to open the floor for ten minutes.

Aidan Vogelsson seconds the motion.

The motion passes, and the floor is opened at 3:00 P.M.

Katherine O’Brien suggests that students from a middle school division probably would not move on to play at nationals anyway, so modelling a middle school division after nationals does not make much sense.

There is much debate about what the “novice A” division would entail. It is eventually agreed that “novice A” would be only for first year Latin students and would be a fun way to introduce students to competitive Certamen, but the students would not be able to move on to play at the national convention. Students could also opt to play in the “open novice” section if they do not want an introduction and want to try to play at nationals right away.

The floor is closed at 3:10 P.M.

Isabella Zou entertains motions to open the floor.

Aidan Vogelsson moves to open the floor for five minutes.

Emma Buechler seconds the motion.

The motion passes with two dissenting votes, and the floor is opened at 3:10 P.M.

Brian Carlson explains that right now students can hold back from playing competitive Certamen and still get experience to play at the novice level. The “novice A” division would be purely developmental.

Miranda Wenzlaff suggests passing the issue to next year’s TSJCL board as it is too late to change Certamen rules for this year. Nicole Lehmann points out that students leaving a middle school where they participated in two or three years of Latin would have an advantage over a true first year Latin student. Spencer Allan suggests a division for first year Latin students only. Nate Jennings likes the idea of allowing students to play two years of intermediate Certamen.

Isabella Zou suggests tabling the conversation until the Spring Meeting.

Carl Quist suggests having officers who wish write their opinions and present them another time do so.

Isabella Zou tables the discussion until the next board meeting.

v. Protocol for National Candidacy

In order for a student from the TSJCL to run for NJCL office, they would need to present themselves at the state convention to the TSJCL board and be officially approved to run for national office. They would also not be allowed to tell anyone except their sponsor and the board about their potential candidacy until after nominations committee at nationals.

vi. TSJCL Pins

Miranda Wenzlaff asks if everyone has an official TSJCL pin. Eleanor Froehlich, the Area F chair, needs one.

k. Convention Registration Packet, *Ethan Durand and Parker Buckles,*
TSJCL Convention Coordinators

The dates, addresses, and names have been updated. William Lee mentions that we need to talk about meals and the deadline for art registration. Miranda Wenzlaff reminds him that the art registration deadline was discussed at the last meeting. Rachael Clark suggests changing the packet's format to make options for food more easily clickable. Instead of having secondary options, the form could have every different choice be its own option. Additionally, the t-shirt design needs to be added. Miranda Wenzlaff mentions that the talent show flyer is not yet in the packet and that the parliamentarian's letter still needs to be updated. The SCL has also not updated catapult rules.

Isabella Zou entertains motions to approve the registration packet and its amendments.

Ethan Durand so moves.

Aidan Vogelsson seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the registration packet is approved.

l. Other New Business

Emma Buechler asks anyone who can stay to take pictures to do so. Spencer Allan mentions that Hunter Liu wants to make a "hype video" for the state convention at some point.

V. Adjournment

Isabella Zou entertains motions to adjourn.

Nate Jennings so moves.

Will Snider seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously, and the meeting is adjourned at 3:26 P.M.