

WJCL Meeting
February 22, 2009
Brookfield Academy

Attendance

Jack Trunzo	BA
Erin Umhoefer	HHS
Henry Skupniewicz	West
James Greenwald	MUHS
Greg Stemm	MUHS
Sidhi Gosain	BA
Bridget McGowan	HHS
Mara Steven	BA
Kyle Goryl	MUHS
Drew Boldt	MUHS
Elizabeth Hur	BA
Maggie Steindorf	BA
Alice Ogden-Nussbaum	West
Thess Dobbs	DSHA/Eastbrook
Anna Lohmann	West
Jennifer Ganley	DSHA
Genevieve O'Meara	DSHA
Rebecca Puesch	DSHA
Maris Roesch	Rufus King
Ron Hahm	LPS
Gale A. Stone	West
Keely Lake	Wayland
Alicia VanHecke	GMCHE
Dezarae Avalos	Wayland
Rebekah Faust	Wayland
Maggie Armstrong	Catholic Memorial
Brooke Schueller	HHS
Brian Earl	BCHS

Minutes:

I. Call to Order 1:07

II. Review of State Convention (problems this year and how to fix)

a. Testing

- i. Next year we will clarify rules for proctors/students with written rules
 1. No cell phones
 2. Cover test when finished
 3. No sitting by people from the same school
- ii. Lower level tests had Greek letters but upper level tests did not
- iii. There was a lack of room (lots of squishing)
- iv. Too many suffixes
- v. Answers on the history test (making it the “best test ever”)
- vi. May split the levels
 1. Logistics nightmare?
 2. Color code tests, grab the right one when you enter the room
 3. Start as soon as you enter?

b. Spirit

- i. Door-decoration could have been better organized (some registration forms were not turned in)
- ii. Have schools turn in cheers and lyrics (points for Latin-related cheers) because sometimes cheers were hard to hear or understand
- iii. Flag competition to assist in identifying schools
 1. Required to be judged
 2. Could provide a very simple one so each school has *something*
- iv. Clarify role call rules
- v. Random spirit points (not done this year – bring back next year)

c. Certamen

- i. Readers read wrong round – some readers were incompetent
- ii. Dummy proof for next year
 1. More tabs in binders
 2. Second adult in each round with a binder to make sure reader doesn't mess up
- iii. Some questions were repeated, open-ended questions are bad

- iv. Require the December 1st deadline
 - 1. Had to make up questions last-minute because some rounds had 4 teams
 - 2. If a team misses the deadline, they could enter as a wildcard team if one is needed
 - v. Disqualify late players – a 5-10 minute wait period was discussed, but decided that no wait period would be granted
 - vi. Turn down walkie-talkie volume to avoid “Lockdown in Sector III” style interruptions
 - vii. Standardize rules for door-guards (must be quiet outside rooms; are people allowed in/out of the rooms?)
 - viii. There should be 16 questions per round to have a better proportion of question categories
 - ix. Address policy for Illinois teams (especially in advancing to finals)
 - x. THE CERTAMEN COMMITTEE WILL RESUME to examine these issues
- d. Art Competitions
 - i. Costume contest needs more time (but fixing Certamen will help)
 - ii. Return judging forms to teachers
- e. Lodging
 - i. Inn on the Park is awesome but we are running out of space
 - ii. There are not many other options in Madison (many places are smaller or more expensive)
 - iii. Some students could stay in a nearby smaller hotel
 - iv. If we “take over” the entire hotel, how many students could IOTP accommodate? (Then students wouldn’t have to be considerate of other guests because there wouldn’t be any)
 - v. Kids who aren’t in Latin have been coming – how to decide what level they are placed in?
 - vi. Limiting students
 - 1. Illinois
 - 2. Middle School
 - 3. Students not taking a Latin/Classics course
 - 4. May not want to limit at all to encourage more people to take Latin
 - vii. A lodging committee may be formed in the future
- f. Miscellaneous
 - i. Overall, convention went well
 - ii. Rent a Roman was a success

iii. Bazaar

1. Successful
2. New location next year
3. Have it two nights? During the dance is a possibility

iv. Put the war machine information on the website

v. We greatly appreciate the help from all volunteers – convention could not have been so successful without them

vi. Basically, many problems can be avoided by streamlining the rules – have many copies available for sponsors and chaperones and make sure that every chapter has the most up-to-date version

vii. Deadlines will be stricter next year as well

III. State of the Treasury (Post-Convention)

- a. Over \$30,800
- b. Much more than this time last year

IV. Nationals (July 26-August 1)

- a. The cost will be \$475 per person, plus airfare
- b. Planes are not much more expensive than a train and much faster
- c. Milwaukee-San Francisco (layover in Kansas City) would cost \$300 roundtrip
- d. Milwaukee-Sacramento (layover in Minneapolis-St. Paul) would cost \$247 roundtrip
- e. A final head count will be required sometime in March (probably the 20th)
- f. WJCL may be able to subsidize \$75-150 per person, depending on how many people go

V. Service Award Briefing

- a. Service done during the summer will count as part of the contest
- b. Schools should strive for at least one project per month
- c. The number of students who participates does not matter
- d. Schools may not “double dip” – the project must be done strictly by the Latin club

VI. Miscellaneous

- a. There will be a teachers-only meeting March 8th in Johnson Creek to discuss the Certamen Committee among other things
- b. The next board meeting will be March 29th at 1:00 at BA

VII. Adjournment 2:31 PM

- a. Brook Schueller made a motion to adjourn
- b. Drew Boldt seconded

VIII. Vacancy of Editor Position

- a. Last year’s board (who are technically still in office) interviewed the editor candidates in attendance
- b. The new editor will be sworn in at the next meeting