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 Hahn 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

IIII. 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