

TEXAS SENIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

Meeting Minutes for the Fall Board Meeting

September 12th, 2020

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Will Snider, TXSCL President
Lorelei Ing, TXSCL Vice President
Lan Nguyen, TXSCL Secretary
Thelo Lewis, TXSCL Treasurer
Ashley Xie, TXSCL Parliamentarian
Trinity Ramm, TXSCL Historian
Lauren Dill, TSJCL Liaison

At 9:39AM, President Will Snider calls the meeting to order.

2. Business

a. Olympika and Ludi Preparations

- Will Snider entertains motions to open the floor or go straight to voting
- At 9:45, Thelo Lewis moves to open the floor for 10 minutes
- Trinity Ramm seconds the motion.
- In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes.
 - Will Snider suggests a Minecraft build battle → participants send in videos of their creations which can be posted for viewing
 - Thelo Lewis defines "Battle Royale" for Will Snider
 - Will Snider suggests a Tetris or Minecraft Battle Royale
 - Will Snider asks if we want to do athletic video contests like at nationals
 - Many yeses follow
 - Ashley Xie says that we shouldn't do Kahoot, because it would probably crash and/or lag like it did at nationals
 - Will Snider suggests we distinguish our events as Ludi vs Olympika
 - Thelo Lewis asks if team activities are possible
 - Will Snider and Trinity Ramm suggest Minecraft squads
- The floor closes at 9:55
- Will Snider entertains motions to extend the floor or go straight to voting
- At 9:55, Ashley Xie moves to extend the floor for 20 minutes
- Trinity Ramm seconds the motion
- In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes
 - Trinity Ramm says that anything online should be considered Olympika, and everything else should be Ludi
 - Will Snider points out that that goes against how it is usually done
 - Trinity Ramm counters with the fact that basically everything we'll be doing now is going against the norm

- Ashley Xie suggests a scavenger hunt
 - Many yeses follow
- Will Snider asks Lorelei Ing how the Instagram bingo went
- Trinity Ramm suggests making a convention check list
- Ashley Xie suggests trivia bingo → easy to make but difficult to distribute
- Will Snider points out that, because the convention won't be very long, if we have too many events, we will have difficulty finding people to run events and convincing people to attend
- Will Snider asks how many things we want to happen at the same time
- Ashley Xie suggests that we do bingo and the scavenger hunt at the same time and says we should keep chess as per tradition
- Will Snider confirms that we want to go forward with the video contests, trivia, scavenger hunt, and chess
- Ashley Xie says we should categorize video contests as Elympika and everything else as Ludi
- Trinity Ramm reminds us that we need consent for photography/video
- Lorelei Ing says that is probably included when they sign up for the convention
- Will Snider says that would likely only matter if the videos/photos are posted publicly
- Will Snider says that the old rules say that Olympika is swimming, track, and marathon, and everything else is Ludi
- Trinity Ramm asks if we want to do skribbl.io or drawasaurus, though it could possibly clash with impromptu art
- Ashley Xie says that state doesn't usually have impromptu art and that we have enough online stuff → probably don't need tik tok stuff or scribbl.io
- Will Snider reminds us that, even with a good plan in place, we should be prepared to adjust in the event of time crunches
- Thelo Lewis asks if we want a meeting for potential SCLers
 - Many yeses follow
- Lorelei Ing suggests an ice cream social (BYOIC)
 - Even more yeses follow
- Will Snider says that's amazing
- Trinity Ramm asks if we need to ask the TSJCL if we need to work our events into their schedule
- Will Snider says we definitely need to tell them (if only so people show up) and that our events will more likely be one of the things that happens in conjunction with other stuff
- Will Snider says Elympika → more physical "outside" events (i.e. the video submissions)
- Ashley Xie says Ludi → bingo, scavenger hunt, chess

- Trinity Ramm says at nationals, they just called it "Elympika" → without the "Ludi" in the title
- Will Snider asks if the date for state has been determined
- Lorelei Ing says that the date for state has not been determined
- The floor closes at 10:15

b. Membership Outreach

- At 10:20, Trinity Ramm presents her flyers
 - They are remarked by all to be beautiful, legit, and all-together awesome
 - Trinity Ramm declares that Canva is her best friend
 - Will Snider entertains motions to open the floor or go straight to voting
 - At 10:22, Ashley Xie moves to open the floor for 3 minutes
 - Lorelei Ing seconds the motion
 - In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes
 - Will Snider asks if we prefer the more informative first flyer or the more hip second one
 - Ashley Xie suggests putting the informative flyer in the membership packets (which is seen mostly only by sponsors) and using the second flyer for student outreach on social media and the website
 - At 10:25, the floor closes
- Will Snider entertains motions to extend the floor or go straight to voting
- At 10:25, Thelo Lewis moves to go straight to voting
- Lorelei Ing seconds the motion
- In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes
 - Ashley Xie moves that we send the first flyer in the membership packet and use the second flyer for membership outreach on the website and social media
 - Lorelei Ing seconds the motion
 - In the opinion of the board, the motion passes

c. Plans for Collecting Dues/Bank Account

- Thelo Lewis says that we have not gotten access to the bank account yet
- Thelo Lewis asks if we want to do a social media takeover
- Will Snider clarifies that we will be "takeovering" the TSJCL social media
- Trinity Ramm remarks that we still don't have access to the TXSCL Instagram and there wasn't a huge following anyway, so we could just make a new one
- Ashley Xie agrees and says we should make a new account
- Will Snider gives Trinity Ramm the power to make a new account and gives up hope on trying to get the password for the old account
- Lorelei Ing suggests we try to sign into the old Instagram account, reset the password, and hope its recovery email is sent to the historian
- At 10:29, thanks to Lorelei Ing's big brain moves, we gained access to the old TXSCL Instagram account → HECK YEAH

d. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Constitution

- At 10:32, Ashley Xie proposes amendments to the Constitution that will
 - Capitalize the 'C' in "Constitution" and the 'B' in "Bylaws"
 - Change all instances of "his or her" to "they"
 - In Article II: Section 1, Part B clarify that the "Texas State Junior Classical League" will be abbreviated "TSJCL" for the rest of the Constitution
 - Add a Part B to Article IV: Section 3 that will state that members of the Executive Board are expected to attend the TSJCL convention unless excused by the President and that, should the President need to be excused, they may be excused by the Vice President
 - In Article VII: Section 4, add that amendment proposals for the Constitution and Bylaws may occur also at the NJCL convention
 - In Article VII, add "and Bylaws" to all instances of "this constitution" to include the otherwise missing processes for amending the Bylaws
 - In Article VIII: Section 1, add a clause that gives the Parliamentarian power to coordinate the revision process of the Constitution and Bylaws
 - In Article VIII, add a Section 2 that will give the Parliamentarian power to make grammatical and syntactical changes to the Constitution and Bylaws upon consulting the President so long as these changes have no effect on the meaning or content of the Constitution and Bylaws
 - Merge Article VIII with Article VII, with the current Article VII: Section 1 following Article VIII: Section 6 and any additional sections of Article VIII following accordingly
- At 10:40, Ashley Xie proposes amendments to the Bylaws that will
 - Capitalize the 'C' in "Constitution" and the 'B' in "Bylaws"
 - Change all instances of "his or her" to "they"
 - In Article I: Section 2, add a clause that gives candidates the opportunity to speak on their own behalf for up to two minutes
 - In Article I: Section 2, insert the word "the" before the word "winner"
 - In Article I: Section 5, Part A, clarify that the start of an officer's term begins at the close of the last assembly at the NJCL convention
 - In Article II: Sections 1 and 2, add a clause that requires any changes to the set dues be approved by a unanimous vote by the Executive Board and the TXSCL Liaison or—if there is no Liaison appointed—a majority vote by the State Chairs
 - In Article II: Section 3, clarify that a vote by "secret ballot" would only take place in the event of an unclear vote by acclamation
- Ashley Xie clarifies that we'll be voting on whether or not to send these amendments to state where they will be voted upon
- Will Snider entertains motions to open the floor or go straight to voting
- At 10:53, Thelo Lewis moves to go straight to voting

- Lorelei Ing seconds the motion
- In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes
 - Thelo Lewis moves to send all of the aforementioned amendments to the state convention to be voted upon
 - Lorelei Ing seconds the motion
 - In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes

e. Updates to the TXSCL Website, Google Drive, Dropbox

- At 10:55, Trinity Ramm proposes changes to the website
 - Find a better cover photo → the current one was not taken at a nationals convention and is just...weird
 - Edit the body text → we don't run talent show
 - Changing the names to fit the new officers (us hehe)
 - Removing some names from the list of people who majored in classics
 - Add a page with where our Latin teachers went to college
 - Add a blurb on the voting process
 - Thelo Lewis asks if we can link social media plugs on the website
 - Lan Nguyen asks if we want a tab on the TSJCL website that links ours
 - Lorelei Ing says that there used to be a tab for the TXSCL
 - Will Snider suggests adding an amendment submission button
- Will Snider says he's going to check with Ms. Dill about the website stuff, Ludi/Elympika (do we get to decide what we want to do), and Drive and Dropbox accounts

f. Next Meeting

- No one knows when the Winter Board Meeting will be
- Will Snider says that we can meet intermediately if needed

g. Other New Business

- Trinity Ramm asks if we want to have a Twitter account
- Lan Nguyen doesn't think many people are on Twitter
- Trinity Ramm suggests using the existing google forms for SCL sign ups
- Will Snider proposes an SCL zoom party (skribbl.io, Tetris, membership info) for which he will send an invitation to the existing email list
- Merch
 - Thelo Lewis shows their T-shirt design ideas
 - Lan Nguyen says that she likes the Comic Sans version better
 - Will Snider asks if we should include a merch page on our website and ask the NSCL to publish it for us → they have a Redbubble
 - Thelo Lewis asks if we want to sell AKJCL merch
 - Many yeses follow
 - Trinity Ramm likes Redbubble, but we need to do make somewhere to collect any revenue earned from the merch

- Trinity Ramm suggests having separate forms for sign up and paying dues → see if we can connect to MyJCL for the dues
- Will Snider suggests putting the sign-up form and the payment form on the TXSCL website
- Color scheme
 - We like the first color scheme (light blue and maroon), because there is more contrast
- MS. DILL HAS GRACED US WITH HER PRESENCE
 - The treasury record is “a mess”
 - The SCL money exists within the TSJCL bank account “for good reason”
 - Ashley Xie asks where Carl’s collected dues are in the sheet
 - Ms. Dill points her to the \$55 labeled “NJCL dues income”
 - Thelo Lewis asks what the “TSJCL check #” and “CLR” columns are for
 - Ms. Dill says they mark whether the checks have been deposited
 - The highlighted stuff is what she couldn’t resolve → whether that money was put into the TXSCL account → we should NOT be using Venmo
 - We don’t have a PayPal; we have a Square
 - William McKinney is the man to talk to about online payments for membership dues → the tricky part → credit card fees

3. Chair Announcements and Business

4. Adjournment

- At 11:47, President Will Snider entertains motions to adjourn
- Ashley Xie so moves
- Thelo Lewis seconds the motion
- In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes