

Classical Association of Florida
Fall Business Meeting
November 4, 2022

N.B. – Due to the digital nature of this meeting, typed and spoken discussion were happening simultaneously. There was also a break in the middle of the discussion of the FJCL constitution, due to a call restart. All attempts have been made to combine the streams of conversation into one cohesive form.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- a) CAF President Silvana Wilbur welcomed everyone to the call and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Minutes of the Spring Meeting

- a) Secretary Cory Granholm provided the spring minutes. Kendal Ogles moved, and Rachel Robison seconded to accept the minutes of the spring meeting. The minutes were approved.

3. Officer Reports

- a) President - Silvana Wilbur

It was announced that FFLA had been moved to January due to Hurricane Ian. Emma Perry and Silvana Wilbur stated that they would not be in attendance. Rachel Robison asked what the plan was for presenters with new schedule conflicts due to the shift. Phil Dilinger stated that he would still be presenting after receiving special permission to miss a day from his school. Emma suggested the possibility of giving virtual presentations. Joanna Pirus stated that she was considering not presenting. Kendal Ogles put forward the idea of organizing a miniature Latin meeting separate from FFLA, a short meetup of presentations for/with one another. The group was polled to see how many would actually be attending FFLA. Alex Ramsey and Joanna Pirus were stated to potentially attend, but it was determined that the 17 members present in the call were likely a larger group than would actually be in attendance. It was suggested that a one-month donation drive be held as a charity outreach project among chapters to help support FFLA's financial losses due to the reschedule, though State Chair Kendal Ogles dissented, claiming it was throwing bad money after bad. Other avenues of professional development were then suggested, such as Cambridge for online courses, and ACTFL. Aurelia Ogles concluded that FFLA needed to "get back to a budget," stating that having a Latin or German teacher as president every 5 years kept things organized, and encouraged the group to apply for the position.

- b) Vice President - Rachel Robison

Rachel Robison discussed the upcoming Fall Forum. At that time, 144 students had registered, and sign-ups for virtual attendees were being set up. Registration would be open until the Wednesday before Forum. Shirts were to be ordered by Sunday, and the price had been locked in at \$10 per shirt. She then announced the plan for Fall Forum to begin moving to different locations over time, opening up easier attendance to different areas of the state. Finally, the

virtual components of the event were being set up, with information on ludi and colloquia to be sent at a later date.

c) Secretary - Cory Granholm

Cory Granholm had no announcements.

d) Treasurer - Phil Dillinger

Treasurer's report

Balance:	\$9049.01
Dues Collected so far:	\$720
Mama G donations:	\$5

Phil Dillinger stated that checks were still coming in, and he would be emailing by the end of the month for payments. The suggestion was put forward to offer a second \$3000 travel scholarship for the upcoming year due to the high balance and low number of applicants. Concerns were raised about the impact to FJCL funds, which provides \$1000 of each \$3000 package, but with the gap due to Covid, the \$2000 needed would not be a burden. Rachel Robison moved to hold a vote to confirm this. The question was raised on whether, if this passed, the application deadline should also be moved back to allow further applications, potentially to Dec. 1. After a debate, it was decided that the deadline would not be moved, as the application had been open since the last CAF meeting, and any further applicants would still need to create and provide an itinerary in a short amount of time. Craig Bebergal seconded Rachel's motion, and a vote from the group passed. Finally, Phil encouraged all sponsors to encourage their students to apply for the Mama G. Scholarship.

e) State Chair Kendal Ogles

Kendal Ogles announced that 129 students had attended Nationals in person, with another 3 attending virtually. Nationals this coming year would be in Atlanta, Ga, from July 23-28. Depending on interest, 1 or 2 buses were being considered for driving up on the 22. The possibility of visiting the Coke Museum is mentioned. Finally, we were reminded that States would be held March 30-April 1.

4. Standing Committees

a) Scholarship Committee - Phil Dillinger

The topics which were to have been discussed had been covered during the Treasurer Report.

b) Nominating Committee - Craig Bebergal

Upcoming spots opening on the planning committee for 2023:

- Academics co-chair, as Robert Amstutz's term limit was up
- Orals/Costumes co-chair, as Craig Bebergal's term limit was up

Craig Bebergal requested that anyone interested in the positions to please message him.

c) Forum Planning Committee - Rachel Robison et al.

Sponsors were asked to take a closer look at the registration packets more closely this year due to changes. The ludi submissions would be fully virtual and due early. Physical copies of forms would still be needed for any candidacy applications, and it was suggested that they be mailed early as well. The earlier dates for Forum this year were attributed to the Wyndham's availability.

5. Old Business

None presented.

6. New Business

a) FJCL Constitution

A vote needed to be held to either accept or reject the new FJCL Constitution in its entirety. Copies of the new constitution were not available to analyze. New constitutions were usually accepted, but one had to be rejected in the past due to an oddity in the bylaws concerning money. The amendment system was in place to avoid having to reject the full constitution, while also clearly stating what would be changed. Geoff Revard commented about us "approving" things, and that our votes were more used to invalidate things. The suggestion was made that we need time to look over this constitution before a vote. Rachel Robison brings up the topic of what to do with the newer amendments. Geoff asked whether the amendments were for the old or new constitution, but it was unclear. The constitution had been written to Robert's Rules, approved by the students, but not approved by us. Geoff did not expect to see anything wrong. Adam Mize was stated to have voiced a concern, but was not present to clarify. The suggestion is made that for some form of forum to raise these concerns. Craig Bebergal requested that the discussion be tabled until we could see a version of the new constitution.

b) CAF Amendment

An amendment had been suggested during the State Chair meeting at Nationals to update the constitution to provide a clear policy for organizational responses. Sherwin Little had suggested that the head of the organization be the media spokesperson to avoid multiple, possibly conflicting statements, and provide media and damage control. The proposal was for the CAF President to be the primary point of contact for an emergency, followed by the VP, and then the State Chair. A document with the proposal would be distributed at a later date, followed by a vote.

c) Presentation Ideas/FFLA Conference

Many portions of this had been discussed previously in the meeting. The small size of our delegation was mentioned, with a request for more people to apply to present at the next conference in November.

d) Travel Scholarship

The travel scholarship had been previously discussed in this meeting.

7. Announcements

Aurelia Ogles suggests that due to the format of the meeting, that new teachers/members be recognized at the State Forum meeting, and suggested a welcome post on the CAF Facebook.

Leslie Perkins suggests that we announce the winners of the travel scholarship. Phil announces that there were two applicants and two winners: Anna Glenn and Rachel Robison.

It is announced that Phil will be up for reelection this or next year. As he was elected two years ago, he is now up for reelection. The position of CAF VP is also open for reelection, and sponsors are asked to please apply for it.

8. Adjournment

The group is requested for a motion to adjourn. Rachel Robison so motions, Anna Glenn seconds it, the motion was approved.

Members in attendance:

1. Craig Bebergal
2. Alan Blessing
3. Kevin Cox
4. Phil Dillinger
5. Anna Glenn
6. Cory Granholm
7. Antonius Haakman
8. Amy Hornik
9. Geoff Revard
10. Rachel Robison
11. Aurelia Ogles
12. Kendal Ogles
13. Leslie Perkins
14. Emma Perry
15. Joanna Piris
16. Silvana Wilbur

Respectfully submitted,
Cory Granholm
CAF Secretary