

**Classical Association of Florida**  
**Spring CAF Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Wyndham, Orlando**  
**Friday, April 20, 2018**

Phil Dillinger, CAF president, called the Spring CAF business meeting to order at 5:16 pm. He welcomed all, and excitedly proclaimed Forum to be going great.

Phil recognized Kendal Ogles, CAF Secretary, who handed out the minutes of the Fall business meeting. After dispensing with the reading of the minutes, moved by Craig Bebergal and Al Kummer, respectively, no errors were found. Phil asked to accept the minutes as written. This was accepted by acclamation.

Phil then moved onto the officer reports, first giving his. He noted registration went very well this year, and thanked everyone for bringing students and writing tests. He gave great thanks to the members of the Forum Planning Committee.

Phil also listed the dates and places of several conferences:

- ACL Institute will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana
- Nationals is July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio
- FFLA is going to be held October 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndham in Orlando
- SCOLT will be held March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Phil presented at the SCOLT conference in Atlanta last March and noted at least 6 Latin presenters. He feels it is well worth attending if possible. Anyone thinking of attending the SCOLT conference, please contact him.

Phil then recognized CAF Vice President, Rachel Robison. Rachel also said the convention to be a great success thus far. She urged everyone to remind students to wear name tags and use the buddy system when walking around.

Jana Wells, CAF Treasurer, then gave her report. We are giving one Mama G scholarship this year. She also has the list of those eligible for CAF Teacher of the Year and will be sending an email soon for voting purposes. If you know of anyone who qualifies for this award, please email her.

Current Balance	Expected Expenses:
General Balance Fund: 6654	Mama G Winners: -495
Mama G Fund: 830	
FSU Essay Fund: 125	Expected Balance 6159
Paid Members: 83	

Adam Mize, State Chair, then gave his report about Nationals. Troy was awesome, and it was great to have such a large active delegation. For this year, registration for both students and teachers is already up on the NJCL website. For those who have never been to Nationals, or haven't been in several years, there is the Miller Scholarship which will

cover the price of your package. Please have your students register as soon as possible, as prices go up on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, once they have registered for Nationals, please have them register on the FJCL website

Leslie Perkins asked if we taking a group trip to Ohio this year, to which Adam replied that is it not financially feasible; though if you would like help planning a trip from the panhandle, please reach out. On the NJCL registration page, there is a link for Delta giving a discount to any who is travelling with that airline to Nationals.

Aurelia Ogles added that retirees may be able to attend Nationals for free.

Adam then turned his report to the FJCL website, asking for anyone to please tell him if there is a broken link, or a missing test that you can submit.

Leslie Peebles asked if more certamen questions would be added to the website. Adam answered that the questions through 2014 were up, and he would add more to the site as Geoff Revard sent them in.

After the officer reports, Phil asked for news from the members of the standing committees.

The Scholarship Committee was reported by Jana Wells, who asked for more people to apply for the FJCL and Mama G scholarships, as only one student applied for each this year. Also, there will be a travel scholarship for teachers to apply for next year.

Amy Hornick gave the Nominating Committee report. There were five positions open this year, including CAF President, CAF Secretary, Facilities Liaison, Creative Chair, and Certamen Chair.

Harrison Sepulveda and Daniel Robie, academic co-chairs, thanked everyone for writing tests. Next year, they hope to get everyone seated in under 30 minutes for testing. Also, they plan to add door numbers to the name badges to let the students know where they will be entering to take their tests. If you have any further recommendations for testing, please reach out to them.

They also announced Robert Amstutz will be the new Regionals Test Coordinator for the state.

Janice Lee reported that FJCL and CAF will be able to continue financially for the foreseeable future as long as we stay within or under budget. She is meeting with a CPA after Nationals to correct files for us.

Joana Piris, Creatives co-chair, thanked everyone who judged projects. For the future, she asked to please remember to put citations for sources on either the project or the project card. It helps the students be mindful, scholarly, and thorough. They recommend citing text

books when citations are in question, and dinged adherence to rules this year for those without citations.

Kathryn McDonnell asked if there is a certain style of citation our students need to use. Joana responded, “Not yet, as this is relatively new, we are not clarifying any specific style.” Leslie Perkins asked, “Can they cite a public lecture from their teacher?” Joana responded, “That is vague. A public lecture is an acceptable citation, but it needs to be more specific than Latin class.” Craig Bebergal asked that all clarifications for the next academic year be placed on the website.

Phil then recognized Silvana Wilbur, Facilities Liaison. She spoke of how smoothly check-in went, and reminded those in attendance that Wawa is included in the 9pm restaurant curfew.

Also, because FJCL takes up nearly every room in the hotel, please get your registration in on time or early to get the proper rooms for students. She recommended calling the hotel to double check your confirmation a few weeks before Forum. Please email Silvana if you have any problems.

Kyle McGimsey, SCL Advisor, is planning a new way to choose judges for That’s Entertainment. He only laughed maniacally when asked what it might be.

Generosa Sangco-Jackson, Certamen co-chair, thank all moderators, and repeated that everything at Forum was running very smoothly. She thanked the Shusher Squad, and hopes to add more Shushers to her squad in the future.

Craig Bebergal, Orals Co-Chair, thanked everyone for judging, and asked if you have any recommendations, or just need to talk, to email him.

An astounding cheer rose from the teachers when Geoff Revard, Constitution Chair, said there was nothing to report.

Thus, Phil moved onto new business, including elections. Amy Hornick reported that two CAF offices and Facilities Liaison had members willing to serve a second term. Al Kummer had been nominated for Certamen Co-Chair. Robert Amstutz had been nominated to the Creative Co-Chair. After opening the floor to candidates, Joana Piris nominated Alex Ramsey for Creative Co-Chair.

Phil asked if there was a motion to vote for CAF President, CAF Secretary, Certamen Co-Chair, and Facilities Liaison by acclamation. Harrison Sepulveda motioned, and was seconded by Brenda Fields. By a unanimous vote of acclamation, the five positions were approved.

A vote, by ballot, was taken for Creatives Co-chair, to which Alex Ramsey was elected.

Moving on, Phil announced that some people wanted to revisit and continue the discussion of the proposed FJCL Editor position. He read the original proposed amendment, the reason

behind it, and the reason that it had been voted down at the Fall Planning Meeting. He then opened the floor to discussion.

Dave Jackson expressed surprise that the FJCL amendment had been voted down, saying “by having this office, we have more of a chance to oversee the student organization and more of a governance.” He passed around a handout with the following articles from the FJCL Constitution and the CAF Constitution.

ARTICLE I General

Section 8. The Board of Advisors shall have the authority to nullify, by unanimous vote, any act of this organization, which it feels will greatly interfere with the legitimate operations of this organization. (2008)

ARTICLE V Board of Advisors

A Board of Advisors, consisting of the officers of the Classical Association of Florida and the State Latin Forum sponsor(s), will serve as advisors to this organization. (2009)

Adam Mize reminded everyone that before the voting occurred, they told “the students this would have to be approved due to the monetary obligation a new office would need.”

Rachel Robison concurred, saying, “At every assembly, we made very clear to voters that this would be finally decided by CAF.”

Aurelia Ogles added that any sponsor who took on that advisory role is legally responsible for anything that is published by the student or JCL. This is not protected by school or union in Florida. It is a big responsibility.

Geoff Revard, in reference to the articles, explained that (we) did this to nullify actions by students that were egregious in the past. This was concerning a constitution written to turn over monetary resources to students, from CAF and FJCL. It was created to have a safety valve to stop students from taking over and spending money.

Generosa Sangco-Jackson brought up the fact that NJCL has editors, and the FJCL may want to align itself with what is happening at the national level. Also, this would give us the capacity to monitor things better, and restrict negative content from being published online in a variety of applications – i.e. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter.

Adam Mize said that the organization originally eliminated that position for financial need. The editor position wasn’t working, in that students did not read or download the online magazine.

Phil asked that a member move to either table the issue or continue at another event.

Dave moved to vote on retracting the previous vote, explaining that he believes it is important to honor the students’ constitutional amendments.

Robert Amstutz asked prior to the vote, if Rachel could clarify the opinion of the student officers on the matter.

Rachel explained that previously the student officers had spoken to CAF members and other adults. They had received enough negative feedback that they decided not to propose the amendment. The officers, not being involved, were not the ones who put it out there and therefore were not supportive of the amendment.

Kyle McGimsey asked for clarification of financial burden involved with creating a new FJCL office, including but not limited to choosing to provide housing or a Nationals packet.

Phil answered that a teacher sponsor would be needed for the overseeing of this position, and would perhaps need financial backing.

Craig Bebergal added that there is quite a bit of work on the Latin teacher's side in this specific role.

Rachel asked if there is a place to have this as an appointed position, instead of an elected one. It would be good to have an editor position attached to the CAF VP.

Adam agreed that being an elected position would be tough because it would put the burden on a new sponsor every year. The position used to be appointed, but having it as an elected position would be difficult for the teacher.

Generosa pointed out that the student officers already produce an *Uvae Vitis*, and say it is an added burden to their roles.

Janice Lee interjected that there seemed to be many issues. If we create the office and put the student under the CAF VP, then we have an internal position, enabling us to define and vet the position. We need to find a moderate path to conclude this, which is acceptable to all people concerned.

Aurelia Ogles also suggested making it an appointed position, but disagreed that it should be a student under the CAF VP, as that is already a big job.

Geoff Revard suggested asking the students to re-submit the proposal, with more specific guidelines, including how the distribution of the paper would work, and making it an appointed position under a certain sponsor.

Brenda Fields pointed out that by the presented articles from the constitutions, "If we can't prove this would negatively impact either the CAF or the FJCL, then we need to be open to the idea."

Phil Dillinger explained that the current vote would be to either uphold the discussion by voting Nay or to rescind the original decision by voting yay.

By paper ballot the membership voted. The total count of ballots was:

5 abstain                      17 yes                      23 No

The decision from the fall meeting will remain.

Phil closed the discussion, and acknowledged Generosa Sangco-Jackson, who delivered news from the ACL. The ACL currently has no mission statement, but is voting to approve one. Also, if you have never attended an ACL institute, please do so; there are plenty of scholarships available to anyone who would like to attend. Generosa also discussed the capital campaign to raise money, as ACL is entering its centennial year. There will be a gala, which ACL members will be invited to.

Under Summa Cum Laude, Dave Jackson, National committee member, asked all to please consider nominating someone. The nomination forms are on the ACL website. It is important to honor our colleagues who have been invested in the institution.

Phil asked for any announcements to be made. He recognized, Katherine McDonnell, a classical archeologist from who previously taught at UCLA.

He asked for any announcements about open Latin teacher positions, or for new people looking for positions.

Westminster Academy in Ft Lauderdale is hiring. Pineapple Cove is hiring. St John's Episcopal is hiring.

Allison Kane, of the SCL, is now looking for a position in Florida.

Phil then recognized teachers, either retiring or moving. Julia Roper is moving. Keitha Ito is retiring. Cathy Sturgill is retiring.

Phil reminded everyone that anyone is able to submit new proposals and amendments. If anyone wants to further discuss this, or anything else between now and our CAF meeting, he would be welcome discussion.

After moving to adjourn the meeting, proposed by Craig Bebergal and seconded by Timothy O'Flaherty, Phil Dillinger, CAF president, adjourned the CAF Spring business meeting at 6:44 pm.

Spring Meeting Attendance  
Classical Association of Florida  
April 20, 2018  
Wyndham Orlando Resort  
Orlando, Florida

1. Kitty Wells
2. Jana Wells
3. Al Kummer
4. Cory Granholm
5. Timothy O'Flaherty
6. Adam Williams
7. Keitha Ito
8. Chris Kauffman
9. Robert Amstutz
10. Craig "The Bees" Bebergal
11. Allen Walker
12. Jennifer Frank
13. Kathryn McDonnell
14. Luca Tizzano
15. James Buchanan
16. David Jackson
17. Generosa Sangco-Jackson
18. Rachel Robison
19. Emma Perry
20. Nick DeGroot
21. Anya Grady
22. Nicole Fafalios
23. Daniel Germain
24. Janice Lee
25. Tony Haakman
26. Kyle McGimsey
27. Kevin Cox
28. Daniel Robie
29. Julia Roper
30. Aurelia Ogles
31. Kendal Ogles
32. Leslie Perkins
33. John Seary
34. Susan McDonald
35. Amy Hornick
36. Alex Ramsey
37. Leslie Peebles
38. Silvana Wilbur
39. Adam Mize
40. Becky Ream
41. Harrison Sepulveda
42. Samantha Adamczyk
43. Jeff Yeakel
44. Annie Shyne
45. Auriana Jimenez
46. Stephanie Loughran
47. Brenda Fields
48. Phil Dillinger