

Classical Association of Florida  
Fall Business Meeting  
October 27, 2023

1. Call to Order and Welcome
  - A. Silvana Wilbur called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of the Spring Meeting
  - A. Cory Granholm provided the minutes of the Spring meeting.
3. Officer Reports
  - A. President – Silvana Wilbur
    - I. The FFLA conference for 2024 is planned to be held in Kissimmee. It will possibly be held at the Embassy Hotel.
    - II. The basket purchased by CAF for the silent auction. The materials purchased for it will be held for the next year’s conference.
  - B. Vice President – Zach Mair
    - I. Fall Forum
      - a. Fall forum was being held on the 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Florida State University Schools. The Registration was due by November 6, at a cost of \$50 per attendee.
    - II. State Planning
      - a. State planning had gone well. The committee had plans to reflect the Forum’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in its events. Club historians were asked to collect materials reflecting their clubs’ pasts to support it.
  - C. Secretary – Cory Granholm
    - I. The Secretary had nothing to report.
  - D. Treasurer – Phil Dillinger
    - I. Treasurer’s Report – Fall 2023 (as of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

a. Dues collected for the 2023/2024 School Year -	\$440
b. Mama G money collected -	\$0
c. Current balance-	\$5342.34
    - II. Travel Award Update
      - a. In previous sessions, the possibility of offering a travel award in 2024 had been broached due to a surplus of organizational funds. It was stated by Craig Bebergal that the cost would be too burdensome to the FJCL for its contribution. The next travel award will be offered for 2025.
    - III. Other
      - a. Phil strongly suggested that scholars be encouraged to apply for the Mama G scholarship to help drive up interest. He also stated that the

account balance is still a bit too high to be comfortable as a non-profit organization.

E. State Chair – Kendal Ogles

I. Registrations

- a. Kendal Ogles reminded everyone to register with FJCL, NJCL, CAF, and ACL. At the time of the meeting, 46 schools had registered with FJCL, but only 31 had completed NJCL registration. Kendal sent out a membership list of FJCL chapters, and encouraged members to reach out to new teachers in their regions to spread the friendly hand of the JCL.

II. Nationals

- a. This year, 170 people attended Nationals, which was 44 more than last year. The group stayed within budget, no one caught Covid, and all was well.
- b. Several schools sent students without any attending chaperones. The FJCL fee of \$50 per unchaperoned student had been removed previously from the registration forms, but was being reinstated.
- c. The upcoming NJCL convention will be in Knoxville again, at the University of Tennessee. Plans for a Bus-O-Fun were being put together, but it would definitely be more expensive than flying, in the area of \$450, due to it being a two-day drive up to Tennessee, with a return trip just as long. Kendal stated that she had seen fairly cheap flights to Knoxville when looking.

4. Standing Committees

A. Scholarship Committee – Phil Dillinger et al.

- I. Phil reiterated his call for members to encourage kids to sign up for the Mama G scholarship. There were a good number of applicants this year. There was some suspicion of use of Chat GPT. Phil encouraged applicants to make good use of proper grammar.

B. Nominating Committee – Craig Bebergal

- I. The following positions would be coming up for election at states.
  - a. Projects Co-chair
  - b. Certamen Co-chair
  - c. SCL Advisor
  - d. CAF President
  - e. CAF Secretary

C. Forum Planning Committee – Zach Mair et al.

- I. Zach stated that there were no major changes from the previous year. The guest speaker was being sorted out, possibly a presentation on “Cooking with Latin.” The price for the hotel should be similar to the previous year.
  - II. Kendal discussed the ongoing research into the need for insurance. The organization may only need event insurance since the majority of event were held at schools. The FJCL used to get event insurance every year, but seemed to have stopped at some point. Event coverage would be less than year round coverage. Quotes for rates would be gathered soon. Aurelia Ogles stated that the funds should come from the state planning funds, and that insurance hadn’t been held for some time.
  - III. Kendal also stated that the ACL was pushing for director insurance as well. The director insurance would cover the planning board directly. It has been looked into, but the focus has been on event insurance.
  - IV. Zach states that the registration deadline would be in March. He also mentioned that the sweepstakes pdf, containing the rules, had not been given to him, and was supposedly lost. He requested a copy of the most recent set of rules, with a digital copy offered by Adam Mize, and a physical copy provided by KK Youngblood.
5. Old Business
- A. Test Writing
    - I. All tests would be due November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - II. Concerns of Chat GPT Use in Modern Myth
      - a. Most analysis systems are not very reliable in their accuracy. Joanna Piris’ school would be implementing a system soon that may help prevent the use of Chat GPT, and may be able to provide its use to us.
      - b. Another call to submit tests soon.
  - B. FJCL Constitution
    - I. Zach sent out e-mails with the updated FJCL constitution on May 31, as requested in our previous meeting. Nothing has changed in the progression of the document. As a recap, it was written in Spring of 2020. It was set aside until our next major in-person meeting, which was in 2023. Other amendments had been passed in the intervening time, leading to an ongoing debate of how to proceed between the two documents.
    - II. There was no written need for a vote to approve it, but one could be held. It was suggested that a vote be held and end the debate over it. A quorum of at least 10 members was present. A listing of all corrections to the document, as well as justifications for them, had been provided, and it was noted that most of these were correcting typos. It is also noted that the

new constitution is in line with the current NJCL constitution. In addition, it covers adding Fall Forum as an official meeting, officially adds the position of Region Leader, and includes addendums concerning virtual meetings.

III. Adam Mize suggests we proceed to a student vote to confirm adoption of the constitution. Cory Granholm inquired whether we could cover all eventualities by having a vote among the CAF, followed by a student vote. It was explained that if a student vote was held, the entire constitution would have to be publicly re-read to the delegates at state. As the only changes by the CAF were correcting typos, and the document had already been voted on and approved by the student delegates, another student vote was unneeded.

IV. Zach motions for a vote. Kendal seconds the motion. In a verbal vote, the ayes have it, and the document is accepted.

## 6. New Business

A. A quick reminder that ACTFL is being held in Chicago from November 17-19, and SCOLT in Atlanta on March 7-9. A quick poll was taken to see who would be attending.

### B. CAF Constitution

I. Members were reminded that the CAF Constitution was up for a 5-year review. This was brought to the attention of the group by Geoff Revard (not-present). The review is simply a read-through and clean-up of any wording of the constitution.

II. Some confusion occurred about the date of the last review. Phil claimed that it had been done within in the last six years. Silvana corroborates that the last one was in 2020 or so. The document itself says the last update was in 2021. However, there were no changes recorded, no meeting held, other than a possible virtual meeting, no proposed amendments to it, and nothing recorded about any review or changes in the minutes during that time period. The last mention of a review before this was in 2017.

III. It was proposed that a Constitutional committee be formed for the task. Zack, Phil, and Kendal all volunteer to assist.

## 7. Announcements

### A. Recognition of New CAF Members

I. The finalized list of new members was not complete at the time of the meeting. A few new members, present in the meeting, were recognized: Kim McNair, and Matthew Limber, who was present in the video call.

### B. Travel Scholarship

- I. The previous winners of the travel scholarship were Anna Glenn and Rachel Robison, who took a tour of Turkey and Greece, and would be presenting at the conference.

8. Adjournment

- A. Zach motions to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the new business.

Anna seconds the motion, and the meeting is adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Attendees

Physical:

Phil Dillinger  
Anna Glenn  
Cory Granholm  
Judith Hahn  
Noah Harris  
Zach Mair  
Adam Mize  
Aurelia Ogles  
Kendal Ogles  
Joanna Piris  
Michael Posey (National Latin Exam)  
Silvana Wilbur

Virtual:

Meridith Kendall  
Matthew Limber  
Allen Walker  
KK Youngblood