

Classical Association of Florida Minutes

Fall Meeting

Friday, September 27, 2024

Embassy Suites, Orlando Florida

CAF President, Silvana Wilbur, called the meeting to order at 12:33pm. Sixteen members were in attendance, see a list at the bottom of the meetings. She welcomed the group and was happy that there was a great turn out of Latin teachers to FFLA.

The CAF secretary was not in attendance, so the minutes from the spring meeting were not read.

Under officers' reports:

President, Silvana Wilbur, stated she put together a raffle basket for the silent auction. She added quite a few electronics to the basket. She reminded that CAF registration is due on Halloween.

Vice President, Zach Meir, stated that he is on the National board for digital contests. Last week the board met and both the ACL and the NJCL are in dire straights financially. They will need to turn a \$40,000 surplus to stay afloat. Assuming they do not find the finances this upcoming NJCL convention will be the last. It is imperative that all chapters pay their dues, and there is an upcoming amendment that might change the costs of dues. There is a trust that exists that can help students who cannot afford Nationals. The digital contests may aid in turning a profit. Zach encourages all schools to participate in the contests to order to help the ACL/FJCL. October 25th is the first deadline for two exams. Zach explained that there is a novice level for 5-8 grades, intermediate is 9-10, and Advanced is 11-12.

Phil Dillinger, CAF Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report:

Collected dues this school year, as of 9/23/2024: \$300

Expenses:

Medical NJCL convention, first aid -\$80

CAF Raffle Basket -\$96

Current Balance: \$4,734.59

State Chair, Kendal Ogles, stated that we took 166 people to Nationals in Knoxville, Tennessee. Florida did well in Certamen. Registration for next year will be at least \$800. It is possible that dropping a day will reduce costs. Kendal says that membership of the FJCL has increase due to new chapters getting a break on dues, which has helped NJCL. She continued that a bus trip to Ohio would be an additional \$600. Zach stated that a flight to Ohio plus an uber or bus might end up being more, and that the NJCL is exploring hotels for 2027.

Standing Committees:

Scholarship committee chair, Phil Dillinger, spoke about CAF travel scholarship and the two student scholarships that we offer. The deadline for the CAF travel scholarship applications is October 31.

Under Forum Planning Committee reports:

Vice President, Zach Mair, stated that Fall Forum will be November 16, at the Oak Hall school in Gainesville. The anticipated price will be \$15. The maximum occupancy will be 400 people. The Wyndham in Orlando has closed so State Forum will be at the Double Tree at Universal. There are three restaurants in the hotel and a strip of restaurants adjacent to the hotel. The price per room will be \$159 this year, March 26th-28th. After 2025, the price will slightly go up and the date will go back to April. Registration will be \$65 per person, all attendees.

Constitution Committee, Phil Dillinger, Kendal Ogles, and Zach Mair had nothing to report besides an upcoming proposed constitutional amendment.

Under old business:

If you are writing a test, they are due on Thanksgiving. The Academic subcommittee met in the spring to talk about revising the regional study guides. Tony Haakman is heading that committee, if you are interested, please contact him or Silvana.

Under new business:

- a. ACTFL will be in Philadelphia next month. SCOLT will be Nashville in March in 2025.
- b. According to the CAF constitution, it is required for active members to be teachers of classics, humanities, Latin or Greek. Other members, friends of the classics, or associate members, can only become member by a vote of the association. Three people were under review for membership voting, as per Article III, section III of the CAF constitution.
- c. CAF amendment proposal:

The following amendment was proposed to the CAF constitution:

Current: Article I Section III: Other persons in the State of Florida who are interested in fulfilling the purpose of this organization may become associate members by affirmative vote of the Association.

Proposed: Other persons in the State of Florida who are interested in fulfilling the purpose of this organization may become associate members by an affirmative vote of the Association either at an in-person meeting or electronically.

Rationale: Currently our fall meeting is in late September or early October, and is too early to vote on associate members, since membership forms and dues are due October 31st. Specifying

that an electronic vote would be an acceptable way to vote them in and would allow us to be consistent with the current constitution.

This amendment will be voted on in the spring.

In addition, the SCL has put forth this amendment that will also be voted on in the Spring:

Amending Article IV Section 1 of the constitution

Current Language: Section 1. Origin of Amendments. Any member of this organization may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting such to the FSCL President, the FSCL Parliamentarian, and the FSCL Advisor. Furtherance of a proposed amendment requires approval by the CAF in a manner in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the CAF.

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Rationale: CAF would prefer to have these at fall planning, instead of requiring presentation at FFLA and voting at the Annual Forum. This would streamline our amendments process, having them approved well before the annual meeting.

There were no announcements.

Van Williams moved that the motion be adjourned, Robert Amstutz seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:39pm

Respectfully submitted by Phil Dillinger, CAF Treasurer.

Members in attendance:

1. Phil Dillinger
 2. Robert Amstutz
 3. Allen Walker
 4. Daniel Germain
 5. Mary Caroline Gillam
 6. Bozena Baranowske-Lawson
 7. Andrew Mixson
 8. Adam Mize
 9. Judith Hahn
 10. Kendal Ogles
 11. Van Williams
 12. Mark Chimiak
 13. Anna Glenn
 14. Silvana Wilbur
 15. Zachary Mair
 16. Elizabeth Gentry
- Aurelia Ogles (retired, non-voting member)