

Pre-Nationals Meeting: July 6, 2025

Present: Johan, Chloe, Avish, Andy, Aahil, Riya, Lexi, Tom

Not present: Lara

General Updates & Officer Responsibilities

- Lara → post on Instagram x2 (Pre-Nats contests, Spirit Party) + send Google form out for board intros on Instagram (coordinate with Avish since Forum Factorum needs similar info)
- Johan → able to add tabs to website; update board members directory; add States updates/Nationals (contests, watch links for parents etc.)
- Andy - election info →
 - 2 voting delegates @ nom com (Tuesday 5:30-6:30)
 - Need 10% of the full delegation at Open Forum i.e, 6 ppl (Thursday 10-11:30 am)
- Lexi → service opportunities out
- Avish → Forum Factorum September issue
 - Tentative times for issue releases:
 - 3 issues - kickoff (Sept), Classics Day (Oct?), States (April)
 - Topics to cover: Board intros/questionnaire, Nationals results & reflections, etc / get writers at Nationals, classic classes around Mass, fun readings
- Tom → reach out to Julianna ab Nationals stuff
- Olivia → running for NJCL editor, officers should help hand out candy, commotion after nom com, making/putting up posters
 - BEGIN acronym
 - B → Building connections/outreach; Zoom calls with other editors, sharing resources
 - E → experience, 1 at NJCL local publication contest
 - G → creating a guide/advice
 - I → interaction with classical world (news outlet to highlight classics)
 - N → new pages - puzzles, pics, etc.
 - If anyone has time, reach out to Olivia to help

Merch and Fundraising Updates

Link inventory/merch ordered:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KC6-rWvfrGCUOcm19GT21G3AkHr3dco2x1vfY2M Cf9k/edit?usp=drivesdk>

- Merch: Cicero tote bags, Wordle stickers, QR code stickers, baseball caps, ~100 little printed wristbands saying “I love Latin”, 6 pink pony club tote bags, chicken jockey shirts (shoutout to Lara for designs!!)
- reach out to Latin teachers about donating books to put in the tote bags to raise value + reach out to Ms. Fillion for jewelry

- Agora is 7:30-9:45 on the 21st-23rd
- Estimated pricing:
 - Tote bags + books/jewelry inside ~\$25
 - T shirts ~\$10
 - Stickers ~1 for \$2, 3 for \$5
→ could raise prices
- Reimbursement is underway
- Advice from Aahil: use 501(c)(3) nonprofit status to avoid tax and use the site 24hourwristbands

Pre-Nationals Party Updates

- Date: Sunday, July 13th, 1-3 PM
- Lexi is arriving at 12 pm, officers can arrive around 12:30 pm
- Food → sandwiches, considerations for allergies, water, and chips, likely no cake, maybe cupcakes/cookies
- Service project updates: 2+ people for each service project (ie Lexi + one more person)

Roll Call

2025 Roll Call Skit - Aahil/Lexi

- Current roll call ~1 minute, need to cut down a little bit
- Keep the Greek kalends bit

Photos & Social Media at Nats

- Chloe - bring camera + upload photos on Flickr, Johan can use pics for website/other media
- Update board photos
- Ideas for posts that Lara can make → Lexi did daily stories last year, one main post / recommends daily posts of what people do each day
 - Stories/posting gets us points for Instagram, updates from Coco
 - Fellowship - hashtag contest
 - Ideas from Aahil →
 - Stabbing Julius Caesar based on how much you like a dessert
 - Super senior workout - make it Roman
 - How I think this x would dance
 - Can do some vids w officers as well
- Collab post with Fratres Romani ?

Spirit Planning

- All props are arriving before Nats / Lexi's handling props, although other officers could help bring stuff too

- Making MJCL banner/sports posters at the Spirit Party
- Get togas from Mr. Howard @ spirit party
- Lexi → send cheers to 2VP the day before each spirit competition (needs to include video of one person performing)
- Need to come up with cheers for spirit days except sports one
- Scripts & props finalized/done by Spirit Party (July 13th)

Officer Merch Brainstorming

- Last year officers got merch around kickoff or classics day
- Merch from 2 yrs ago → black quarter zip with MJCL logo on chest
- last year → long sleeve shirt w big MJCL logo on front
- Chloe: send out a Google form for designs - Lara potentially helps out with designs
- The majority likes Quarterzip

Other Notes

- Aahil leading Chipotle Fundraiser in Shrewsbury on October 15
- Chloe created a list of tips/guide for convention, Lexi might send it out this Tuesday
- Johan website additions → Certamen results, contest results (order of schools), publicized and recorded on the website, advertising Nats information (contests etc.)