

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

Business Meeting

May 7, 2016 10 a.m.

Visual Arts Center, Hollins University

I. 10 AM Business Meeting

A. **President Franko** called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM and welcomed all who had made the journey, or were still traveling, to Roanoke for the meeting.

B. **Brianna McHugh** summarized the **minutes from the fall 2015 meeting**.

Following this, the minutes were approved.

C. Treasurer **Liane Houghtalin** gave the **Treasurer's Report** and updated the funds as follows:

1. General Fund: \$871.55

2. Tournament Fund: \$3248.51

3. Angela Lloyd Fund: \$11346.88

4. Professional Development Fund: \$1842.00

5. Reserve Fund: \$685.55

6. Total Cash Flow: \$7994.49

7. Treasury CD (12 months): \$3833.74

a) Lifetime memberships are placed into the Treasury CD.

8. Angela Lloyd CD (12 months): \$3633.68

9. Total: \$7467.42

10. Grand Total: \$15,461.91

a) Liane shared that several bills are yet unpaid, but that the CAV is solvent

D. **Margaret Hicks** delivered the **Nominations Committee Report** which presented the following slate of officers, who were unanimously approved.

1. Treasurer: Andrea Weiskopf

2. Secretary: Brianna McHugh

3. President-Elect: Liane Houghtalin

4. President: Mark Keith

E. **Mark Keith** oversaw the presentation of the **Tournament, Contests, and Awards**

1. **Mark Keith** presented the **Arthur F. Stocker Latin Essay Contest** on behalf of **John Miller**.

a) Results were unavailable in hard copy, but will be posted on the webpage. Mark continued the honorable tradition of reading aloud the names of all award winners.

b) The judges were; first year: Kevin Skahill; second year: Timothy Branelly; advanced Latin: Megan Bowen.

2. **Patrick Bradley** presented information regarding the **CAV Classical Essay Contest**.

a) Many thanks were given to Rena Collins, Patrick Bradley, Alana Lukes, Kevin Gushman, and Kevin Crotty who all served as readers this year.

b) Entry numbers were good with some categories encountering a record number of entries. Evidence of these large groups are revealed by the larger number of honorable mentions in a particular category.

c) Patrick continued the honorable tradition of reading aloud the names of all award winners

- d) **Patrick Bradley revealed that he was happy to pass the torch** onto someone willing to take over the management of the CAV Classical Essay Contest and Fred Franko gifted a small token to Patrick for his excellent 14 years of service to the contest.
3. **Mark Keith** presented the report for the **CAV Latin Tournament**. **Tournament Director Kevin Jefferson** was unable to present the report in person due to a conflict with his M.A. graduation ceremony in Boulder, CO.
 - a) Thanks was given to test writers: David Yates, Andrea Weiskopf, Paul Perrot, Kelly Harple, Ariel Baska and proofreaders: Sherry Jankowski, John Simon, Harriet Livesafe, Patty Lister, Nadia Ghosheh and Alana Lukes. Thanks were also conveyed to Susan Shearer for her work to archive past exams on the website, the Flint Hill Copy Center for printing exams, Kathy Smerke for serving as registrar, Emily Lewis for usage of a scantron machine, and Elizabeth Campbell for arranging the awards. Thanks were also given to Jon Mikalson and the UVA Classics graduate students who graded the exams.
 - b) 522 students from 22 schools participated. 242 students from 20 of the 22 participating schools received awards.
 - c) Kevin, via Mark, continued the tradition of reading aloud the names of Latin Tournament Legends, i.e., students who have achieved a top 3 placement for 3 or more years of exams.
 - d) Scantrons were returned with awards packets. Kevin shared that translations were only graded if the multiple choice score met a cut off.
 - e) Kevin put out the call for test writers, proofreaders, and new entries. Email Kevin Jefferson directly.
4. **Susan Schearer** presented **Wyatt Joyner** as the **recipient of the Wayne W. Wray Student Scholarship**. He is a student at both Classical Cottage and the Old Stone School, a Latin Academy 2014 attendee, 2014 Classical Cottage JCL President, and 2014-5 VJCL President. Wyatt “oozes Latin out of his pores” and was the top overall achiever performer for the 2014 and 2015 NCJL Conventions. After 5 years of participating on the Classical Cottage School Certamen team, he has led them to a first place finish. He plans to attend UVA this fall and to major in both Classics and Computer Science. Wyatt’s mother Valerie was also thanked and congratulated for her support of Wyatt’s endeavors.
5. **Howard Chang** presented the **Angela P. Lloyd Book Award** to **Diane Solomon**. He thanked his co-committee member Alana Lukes and Mark Keith for helping to identify an award recipient.
 - a) Howard initiated a moment of silence in recognition of Lisa Auanger.
 - b) **Diane** has taught Latin at all levels for 12 years within her 26 years of service in the private, church, and homeschool environments. She graduated with her BA, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Texas. She earned an MA in teaching from Liberty University last year. She has served diligently by sponsoring and hosting *certamina*, especially through *Ad Fontes*, and has been involved in JCL for many years. In the classroom she presents students with personal notebooks, dresses up for different themes and events in class, and even paid for many contests out of her own pocket.
6. **Margaret Hicks** presented the **Jane Harriman Hall Award** to **recipient Wayne Wray**. This is the 12th anniversary of the Lurlene W. Todd Teacher of

the Year Award and the Wayne W. Wray Scholarship which Wray established after he retired. He taught at the Collegiate School in Orange County, VA and in Stafford County

- a) **Wayne gave a few remarks, CAV and me.** He was brought into CAV by Lurlene Todd, his high school teacher. He took tournament tests as a high school student in '59, '60, and '61, but he had to take them at Roanoke college. At Wray's first CAV meeting in fall of '63 in downtown Richmond, he introduced Lurlene Todd to Talbot Shalby, Wray's professor at the University of Richmond. His first year of membership in CAV was during first year teaching, and he entered his students into the CAV tourney. He served as treasurer under the presidencies of Christine Sleeper and Wayne Tucker and served as writer, proofreader, and judge for the tournament and essay contests. Wayne Wray gave many thanks for the award and sincere appreciation to Jane Hall. Wayne Wray shared that he was very humbled to be recipient of the 2016 Jane Harriman Hall award. *For him, "CAV have been a steady anchor in my academic journey, and I hope young teachers today will derive from CAV the rewards which I have."*
- b) **The Lurlene W. Todd Teacher of the Year Award was not awarded.** No nominations were received so no award was granted. This is the third time this has happened. Consider this a stern call for nominations to recognize each other.

F. Other Reports, Announcements, and Introductions

1. Announcements

- a) Amy Peterson gave thanks for donations and for bids in the silent auction. All proceeds go to the Professional Development grant fund
- b) Amy Peterson encouraged all to write grants for the professional development grant! The application is on the website and the cut off August 31st. Winners are announced at the fall meeting.
- c) Fred Franko thanked Amy Cohen for bringing items from the estate of Max Meador, longtime former treasurer of CAV. A moment of silence was observed on behalf of Max.
- d) Mark Keith updated on the NLE which had a banner year. 154,000 students participated in the first time online worldwide, with some minor glitches. Virginia placed 3rd for awards, but still needs to keep an eye on Texas and New York.
- e) Mark Keith shared that the executive board for FLAVA met recently. Twelve to fourteen presentations given this fall at FLAVA will be for Latin teachers specifically. Latin is well represented at FLAVA. The fall meeting is October 6th-8th.
- f) Several Latin teachers attended the spring meeting of FLAVA in western Virginia.
- g) Margaret Hicks shared that registration for FLAVA is open and that the first 300 registrations get a seat at the banquet table.
- h) Sue Robertson elaborated on the new NLE Scholarship, for anyone who wanted to teach Latin. The scholarship was meant for up to 5 scholarships

this spring, but 6 ended up being given. There were 20 applicants for first time, from 12 or 13 different states, and the applicant quality was beyond expectations. One scholarship was given to only one high school student, Lydia Cauley of Washington Lee High School in Arlington, VA. Her teacher is Nora Kelley.

- i) Sue shared that NJCL Convention registration is still open. It will take place at Indiana University this year.
- j) Fred Franko thanked Mark Keith, Sue Robertson, and Margaret Hicks for their service “keeping our seat at the table.” Due to their work, we are held up as a paradigm.
- k) Amy Cohen announced Randolph College’s Greek play for this fall. The play will be Aristophanes’ *Frogs* and will coincide with the 4th annual drama in performance conference.
- l) Jon Mikalson reported on the Latin placement service. He shared that there are more jobs than applicants in the last several years which is not good for classics in Virginia. He shared that we need more applicants. Further, if you know of someone leaving a school or a job opening, get in touch, get in touch with the administrator. We need more Latin teachers in VA
- m) Tina Saloway revealed a change in offerings at the American School at Athens for 2017. Since people we attract to do our programs in the summer are busy people, many students cannot to 6 week program so they have reconverted one 6 week program into two field seminars, each lasting 2.5 weeks, with a high school teacher audience in mind. The school also has some funding so apply!
- n) Patty Lister reminded teachers to look for colleagues’ awards and take them so that they are not left behind.
- o) Donna Balends is in charge of NJCL travel for the Virginia delegation. Information is on the virginiajcl.org website and the due date is fast approaching!

2. Introductions

- a) Margaret Hicks introduced Marybeth Smith, a graduate from Washington and Lee university and double major in French and Latin. She has accepted a job at a small, private school in MD.
- b) Tina Saloway introduced Bethany Rhodenizer, a homegrown VA classicist, student of Patrick Bradley, major in classics, minor in history, education certification, has been student teaching this semester, and is looking for a job!

II. Following a brief break, we enjoyed a marvelous talk by **Dr. Sethuraman Suresh**. The Fulbright Lecturing Fellow at Mary Washington University delivered “**Spices for Silver: Ancient Roman Commerce with India**” and we all learned how far the Romans really did travel beyond the boundaries of the empire.

III. Following lunch, we reconvened to hear “**The Reality of Persecution,**” presented by **Dr. Joe Leedom**, the Ruth Alden Doan Chair in History at Hollins University, which gave us

pause as we considered the interactions between Christians and pagans before Constantine and the Nicene Creed.

- IV. Elliott Peterson presented an excerpt of *Lysistrata*, which they have translated and directed. This is part of their senior thesis in Classics and Theater
- V. Fred Franko passed the gavel to Mark Keith, who presented Fred with a small token of appreciation.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. and was followed by a reception in the Green Drawing Room hosted by Hollins' VPAA, Trish Hammer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brianna McHugh
CAV Secretary