

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

Business Meeting

May 2, 2015

South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall, University of Virginia

Fred Franko called the meeting of the Classical Association of Virginia to Order at 9:25 a.m.

MORNING SESSION

Fred Franko announced that the **Minutes of the fall 2014 Meeting** had been posted online. Lisa Auanger has stepped down as secretary and Brianna McHugh has been appointed as Interim Secretary.

Liane Houghtalin presented the **Treasurer's Report**. The cash total of various funds is 7697.27 [General Fund: \$1140.43; Tournament Fund: \$2839.83; Angela Lloyd Fund: \$1411.99; Professional Development Fund: \$1701.28; Reserve Fund: \$576.95] the total CD funds are \$7439.96 [Treasury CD: \$3829.91; Angela Lloyd CD: \$3630.05] the total for the treasury is \$15,157.16 Liane and Charlene are currently working on a Paypal payment option.

Margaret Hicks presented the **Nominations Committee Report**. The new Members At-Large nominees are Cliff Broeniman and Cygnet Steer. Margaret thanked Chris Ann Matteo and Colonel Rose Mary Sheldon for their service.

Fred Franko presented the Executive Committee Report, noting the work of Adriene Cunningham and Margaret Hicks to work with the Virginia Department of Education to submit potential options for students to qualify for a Biliteracy Seal in Latin. This optional seal acknowledges a high school student's achievement.

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

Patrick Bradley announced that the **CAV Classical Essay Contest** had the 3rd highest number of entries in the last 18 years. He announced the contest winners and solicited for topic ideas and reader volunteers. Patrick thanked Liz Heimbach, Andrea Weiskopf, Alana Lukes, Kevin Gushman, Kevin Crotty, and Glenn Bugh who all served as readers.

John Miller announced the results of the **Arthur Stocker Latin Essay Contest**. This year had the highest number of entries in 7 years with 49 participants.

Mark Keith reported the results of the **CAV Tournament** since Kevin Jefferson was unable to attend the meeting. 631 students and 25 school participated. Awards were spread out to 23 schools. Those interested in reading and writing tests should contact Kevin Jefferson directly. Special thanks was directed toward test writers Brianna McHugh, John Simon, Christine Conklin, Ian Hochberg, and to proofreaders

David Yates, Andrea Weiskopf, Talb Covington, Susan Schearer, Nadia Ghosheh and Alana Lukes. Thanks were also given to Howard Chang and Flint Hill for copy services, Kathy Smerke for her work as registrar, Emily Lewis for scantron machine access, Elizabeth Campbell for awards preparations, and the UVA Classics students with Jon Mikalson who graded the exams. Latin Legends were also acknowledged.

Margaret Hicks announced the recipient of the **Jane Harriman Hall Award for Service**. Susan Schearer received the award after Margaret shared details about her involvement in the service of Classics including the development of Certamen, Classical Cottage, and VJCL Sweepstakes Awards.

Howard Chang presented the **Angela Lloyd Book Award** after he thanked committee members Alana Lukes and Lisa Auanger and Adriene Cunningham for her postings in the newsletter. The recipient this year is Andrea Weiskopf for her many efforts including expanding the Latin experience in Loudon County.

Cliff Broeniman announced the recipient of the **Wayne W. Wray Student Scholarship** to a study he shared started Latin in freshman year and asked too many questions. The recipient of the award is Cliff's student, Connor Wood who will be attending Yale University with an interest in studying the destruction of antiquities.

Andy Becker presented the **Lurlene Todd Teacher of the Year Award** to a most deserving Dr. Eric Casey. During a very strenuous year at Sweet Briar College, Eric led the faculty senate and weathered the difficulties with grace and diligence. Chris Ann Mateo and Rose Mary Sheldon were thanked for their work as committee members.

Various **announcements** were made.

Fred Franko gave an update about the Fall Meeting, which will be held on September 12th or 19th and will coincide with the Shakespeare Festival.

Mark Keith reported a banner year for the NLE with 154,000 students participating. This year online testing was offered which proceeded without any major glitches. A new logo will be coming out as well.

Mark Keith promoted teaching in Spotsylvania County. If interested, contact him directly.

Sue Robertson announced that FLAVA extended their deadline for presentations and about the NJCL Convention and the auction that supports the Professional Development Fund.

Liane Houghtalin announced that the National Standards for Classical Languages was in revision in response to ACTFL's "World Language Readiness."

Linda Montross discussed the National Committee for Latin and Greek's initiative with the Tirones Project. Interested in this webinar series? Register through Mary Pendergraft.

Jon Mikalson called for teacher applicants and job postings to the Latin Teacher Placement Service since it is now back in operation.

Sally Davis announced that she will be teaching her methods course at UVA during the first two weeks of August.

Andy Becker shared that Trudy Harrington Becker won Virginia Tech's top teaching award, the William E. Wine award.

Chris Ann Mateo made an announcement for the Paideia Institute. For more information, talk to Chris Ann or Paul Perrot.

As acting membership chair, Patti Lister entreated for us to reach out to colleagues and convince (or guilt) them to attend a meeting and join the CAV ranks.

Some **introductions** were made.

Trudy Harrington Becker introduced Beth Campbell and "VT Legends" Sherry Jankowski, Cygnet Steer, and Brianna McHugh.

Howard Chang also introduced Sherry Jankowski

Fred Franko introduced Elizabeth Campbell

Historian Linda Montross led a heartfelt and memorable discussion ***In Memoriam of Christine Sleeper***. We learned about Christine's adventurous life both in and out of the Latin classroom and read *Ulysses* by Alfred Lord Tennyson. The floor was opened up to the group and many happy memories about Christine were shared.

After a short break, Fred Franko introduced **Christopher Gregg** from George Mason University who gave a talk entitled, "**Myth and Masculinity in Pompeian Frescoes.**" Gender norms was a topic of concern for the Romans as well.

The afternoon was filled with a lunch and afternoon presentations.

Jacquelyn Wilkins, *princeps designata* of the VA Governor's Latin Academy, provided a view of Latin in Roanoke County Public Schools at **William Byrd High and William Byrd Middle Schools**. The Digital Age and a wealth of teacher-made materials puts Latin in the hands of her students daily.

Cygnet Steer, Instructor of Latin and Classics, showed us the whirlwind ride of Classics classes at **Radford University**. Students bring in diverse information and connect Classics to a wide variety of disciplines.

Kevin Perry introduced **Benjamin Cory Holec**, Latin Teacher at the Academy of International Studies at Rosemont and Norview Middle School, Norfolk. In his presentation "**Commodity Wars: Creating Opportunities for Students to Experience Geography, Travel, Economics, and History of the Ancient Mediterranean,**" we learned about a highly engaging and dynamic game in which to learn about the Ancient Mediterranean as a whole. Perhaps for the best, a lack of time prevented the highly competitive (read ferocious) nature of Classicists from emerging.

Concluding remarks included reminders about the card for Lisa Auanger, the upcoming Fall Meeting at Mary Baldwin College with an excursion to the American Shakespeare Center. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. A **reception** was hosted at the home of John and Mary Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
Brianna McHugh
Interim Secretary