



THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA SPRING MEETING

Minutes

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Boswell Hall, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

10:00 Business Meeting

- Welcome & Introductions (Officers & Chairs, First-Timers, Guests) Patrick Bradley
 - The meeting was called to order at 10:07am.
 - Kate Mondray at UofRichmond
 - Paul Everling–W& M
 - Lisa Navarre–Kempsville
 - Candace Carter–Postbach at W and Mary
- William & Mary Classics Department Welcome
 - Lily Panoussi provided a welcome on behalf of William and Mary. She is grateful for all who send their wonderful students to W&M. The dept is one of the first five departments founded at the college. They have a long history. They have 10 full time faculty in the department. They offer 4 concentrations (ancient history/culture, archeology, greek, latin). They have 2 study abroad programs in the summer, one to Greece, the other to Rome/Pompeii. They offer many introductory courses outside of Latin about the ancient. They have more niche courses like vase painting, roman britain, etc. They have field work opportunities and funds for summer opportunities. They have a joint program with St. Andrews that they can take two years here and two years in St. Andrews. They offer opportunities for independent research. They have a post-bach program as well for those who already work at the university level. Faculty ratio is 11 to 1.
- Minutes of the Fall 2025 Meeting Holly Fitterer
 - The meeting minutes weren't distributed, so we will be voting on approving those in the fall.
- Treasurer's Report Amy Cohen
 - Things are pretty level, many folks are paying their memberships today. Feel free to continue to work on adding to our extra funds.
 - She is working on restoring our tax exempt status this summer.
- Executive Committee Report Patrick Bradley
 - At the executive meeting, we discussed the preparations for this. Saturday, Sept 19th will be the fall meeting at UVA. Thank you for graciously hosting again.
 - Bart will be president, Charlene Lunsford will be the VP, Holly Fitterer will be staying on as Secretary, Stephanie buckler k12 membership chair, Erika Zimmer-Damer will be Post-secondary membership, then Cully Culkin and Caleb dance will be our members at large. Christine Conklin has been added as the Awards Chair. We will be in need of someone to take over the Latin Essay Contest as Andy Becker is stepping down. Thank you Andy for your service.
 - We spoke on FLAVA Spring Meeting, the ACL Institute which will be hosted by W&M. As the host state, we will be
 - We are working on Minutes and other newsletters archives being posted to the google drives and shared via the minutes. We talked about awards which will continue.
 - We talked on membership, we have 86 current members and will continue to work on that. We have 9 lifetime members and 8 student members. You will be getting a notice for the summer newsletter, which has a deadline of June 1. Please submit if you have any news.
- Bylaws Amendments
 - It was posted ahead of time, but we want to put the membership chairs on the same timeline of getting the executive board. We also proposed adding the actual executive committee level position of "Prizes Coordinator", who obtains the Jefferson Cups and

certificates for our contests.

- As per the bylaws, by a ¾ majority vote with a majority of members present, we can propose this to be put into effect immediately, with a
- Amy Cohen moved to suspend the rules, Sue Robertson seconded. It was approved by 3/4s majority. With the rules suspended, we voted to add prize coordinator to the executive committee. It passed by a majority. We also voted to change the election of membership chairs to be on the same timeline of the board. It passed by the

- Tournament, Contests, and Awards Bart Natoli

- 1) Latin Tournament Lexi Harrell

- Results will be sent to participants tomorrow afternoon. The results as posted on the website. Congrats to all winners and all participants.

- 2) Classical Essay Contest Tina Salowey

- Tina Salowey presented a powerpoint of the results of the Classical Essay Contest. This year we had 6 schools. A majority came from Riverbend, Rockbridge, and Yorktown. We had 125 Essays. The average was 125 in the essay's history. The results will be posted on the website. Rose Elaine Mandolia at VT and her students went over the Vergil Category in their class. We will continue to discuss this model later in our workshop.

- 3) Arthur Stocker Latin Essay Contest Andy Becker

- Patrick Bradley has the results, as Andy Becker is not present today. See the results as posted.

- 4) Wayne Wray & Jim Bigger Student Scholarships Donald Brewster

- Wayne Wray–Reese Lay–Ian Hochberg, Teacher–
 - Jim Bigger–Mckenzie Sanford–Brad Savage, teacher
 - There were many submissions with great applicants, let's keep bringing these great awards.

- 5) Teacher Awards: Lurlene Todd & Angela Lloyd Lori Kissell

- Lori was not present, so Bart presented the award. The Angela Lloyd Book Award was given to Stephanie Buckler.
 - The Lurlene Todd Teacher of the Year award was given to Dean Simpson, University of Richmond

- 6) Professional Development Grant Amy Peterson

- Amy reminded folks to look at the Silent Auction. She thanks folks for the continuous support for this. Make sure you check it out. Please make sure you also take things from the donation table based on any monetary donation. It will continue through the first break, then after the first session it will be closed. The money goes towards the professional development grant. Please don't hesitate to apply, as most people who apply do receive some money. bit.ly/cavgrant
 - Lori Kissell and Amy Petersen both applied to help fund going to ACL.

- Elections

- Amy Cohen presented the slate of elections. She opened the board for an election from the floor. Sue Robertson moved that the slate be accepted via acclamation. It was passed. Congratulations to all those elected to office!

- General Announcements / For the Good of the Group

- Patrick reminded folks to make sure they apply for all the different opportunities we have. It is great to hear about amazing teachers as we go through this. Thank you to all the awards and contest coordinators.
 - Nadia Gosheh from Hayfield High School read an in memoriam to Lori Covington. She was her Latin Teacher. She gave a heartfelt tribute to a well loved educator.
 - Patrick opened the floor for any announcements.

- Sue Robertson reported on the ACL institute. She extends a personal invitation for us to attend as this would be an amazing opportunity for us to show out what we have. VA has at least 12 presenters on the program. There will be 3 Keynote speakers. We have speakers from Australia, Italy, and GB. It is so important for us to support this as we can. At the Awards Banquet, Christine Conklin will be a recipient of the Merens Award. They will also resume the Latin sing along at the closing. There will also be a philanthropic project with Jill's Blankets which will go to infusion centers for cancer patients. NLE is presenting on their 50th year.
- Thanks to award winners, Dean in particular for hosting recertification for teachers, and all others.
- Amy Cohen will be offering her online greek courses once again.
- Cliff –Connor Wood was awarded with Wayne Wraye award and went to Yale, taught for a bit, and most recently has headed to England. He received his PhD from Cambridge and currently teaches there.
- Stephanie–VJCL is now tax exempt, many thanks to Jason Robertson for his help. Hopefully there will be a way to donate in the fall so that they can hopefully offer scholarships for conventions, both state and National. Please reach out if you'd like to contribute in any way.
- Patrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting and their announcements. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16am, with the plan to start at 11:35am (a little early) for our next workshop.