

ICLS-NAB  
Draft Minutes of the Business Meeting of May 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Janina Traxler at 9 p.m. All board and advisory board members were present.

The meeting began with reminiscences by founding members of past triennial congresses and of outstanding moments in organization's history. The visuals prepared by the presenters could not be viewed with the equipment at hand and various measures to make the images available to all the membership were discussed.

### **Minutes**

There were no previous minutes to approve as the secretary, who was in Europe in May 2011, neglected to bring the minutes graciously taken in his absence.

### **Announcements**

Current board members were introduced and elections held for two positions. Susann Samples and Valerie Wilhite were re-elected to their current posts.

### **Treasurer's report**

Our account has a balance, as of June 1, of \$20,701.85 - see attached report. The electronic renewal system has functioned better in its second year in eliciting responses, and a certain number of modifications for streamlining the process are planned.

### **Encomia Report**

Logan Whalen, editor of *Encomia* informed us that members of the Executive Committee (Kristin Burr, Keith Busby, Emma Cayley, and Logan Whalen) met with two representatives from Brepols earlier that day to discuss taking *Encomia* online with them. Negotiations with AR Editions, our current publisher, dragged on for months after the Montreal General Business Meeting in July 2010 and eventually broke down. Vol. 34 (2011 items) will thus be the first electronic version of *Encomia*, hopefully to be published with Brepols, and should appear in fall 2013. Volumes 32 and 33 (items for 2009 and 2010) will be published as a double-volume in print form with our current publisher. The volume should appear in early fall of this year. The editors hope to get back on publication schedule after the transition to online format.

### **Website proposal**

Leslie Zarker Morgan proposed that ICLS-NAB have its own website which the officers will then be able to update more easily. The ICLS PayPal account can then be linked directly to the site, whereas regulations at the current host institution prevent such an arrangement. The proposal was unanimously approved.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress**

Keith Busby announced that the call for papers for Lisbon 2013 will appear in the next few months. The dates of the congress will be July 22-27, 2013. The theme will be

Courtly Parodies, a guiding though not exclusive topic which applicants should feel restricted to. In addition, the organizers have secured five plenary speakers.

### **Upcoming ICLS sessions**

ICLS-NAB will sponsor three sessions at the Medieval Congress in 2013, and one at the MLA in 2014; the program for the 2013 MLA in Boston is already filled. In response to Janina's request for proposals, the following Kalamazoo 2013 sessions were proposed and approved:

Hospitality at Court – Susann Samples, organizer

Courtly Scandals – Judith Davis, organizer

Courtly Pilgrimages – Leslie Z. Morgan, organizer

The MLA 2014 session will be:

Storms and the Court – Kathy Krause, organizer

### **ICLS at 40**

Janina queried whether the International Committee had plans for the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As the Lisbon congress will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICLS' first meeting, she expressed hopes that something will occur there.

### **Further business**

#### 1) Recruitment

We need to increase our membership, particularly among graduate students and young faculty. Two proposals for doing so were discussed:

- a) That we mentor our graduate and even undergraduate students into the ICLS.
- b) That we establish a travel grant for attendance at Kalamazoo. It was suggested that more than one award be created, but the group adopted Leslie Zarker Morgan's suggestion to establish one at a time. A committee consisting of Leslie, Chris Callahan and Susann Samples was chosen to establish the guidelines for the travel grant. Once established, the selection committee will be composed of the members of the Advisory Board.

#### 2) Publication issues

Wendy Pfeffer and Judith Davis suggested looking for a way to publish papers from annual ICLS sessions, in order to create a data base sampling the development of scholarship in the organization over the years. Kathy Krause encouraged us to think electronic in this venture, and suggested that such a publication a) list all titles of papers given, and b) publish select papers online. A committee was formed to work on this, consisting of Stephanie van d'Elden, Wendy Pfeffer, Judith Davis, and Kathy Krause.

Stephanie remarked how much *Encomia* has evolved over the decades, recalling a period when the journal was hand-composed on home typewriters with various family members recruited to collate the issues.

### **Revelry!**

The meeting adjourned to the open bar and cheese/fruit spread which had been provided by the board as part of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. A most pleasant finish to the evening.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Callahan  
Secretary/Treasurer, ICLS-NAB