

International Courtly Literature Society-NAB Annual Business Meeting, Kalamazoo MI
May 4, 2006
Meeting Minutes

- 1) President Rose Marie Deist called the meeting to order at 9:07 PM.
- 2) Meeting minutes from the ICLS-NAB meeting at Kalamazoo 2005 were approved by unanimous vote of the membership.
- 3) President Deist announced the candidates for the open positions on the Advisory Board:
Joseph Sullivan, German, University of Oklahoma
Lisa Cooper, English, University of Wisconsin-Madison
No further nominations came from the floor. Sullivan and Cooper were elected by acclamation. The outcome of this election maintains the current balance of fields represented on the Board.
- 4) President Deist announced the other members of the Advisory Board:
Maria Predelli, Italian, McGill University (Canadian Representative)
Gloria Allaire, Italian, University of Kentucky
Kristin Burr, French, St. Joseph's University
Paul Rockwell, French, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- 5) President Deist thanked Secretary-Treasurer Fiona Tolhurst for sending acknowledgments of dues payments.
- 6) *Encomia* Report Part 1: Jean Blacker
 - a) Volume 26 of *Encomia* is now in press (it will go to the printer at the end of May and will then be mailed to members).
 - b) Individual members will receive a copyrighted CD ROM of volumes 20-26 searchable within each year (not across years), complete with a read me and welcome pages. The CD's production will have no effect on the cost of *Encomia*.
 - c) As an ICLS member, Blacker proposed that there be a cut-off date for paying dues after which an individual will not receive *Encomia* or must pay a late fee.
 - d) Blacker thanked several people with whom she worked as editor of *Encomia* including all the bibliographers, Don Maddox, the Executive Board of the International Courtly Literature Society, Sibylle Jefferis for aid on volumes 20-21, Christopher Kleinhenz, and Matt Gryzbowski. She ended by thanking ICLS for the opportunity to edit the journal.
- 7) *Encomia* Report Part II: Sam Rosenberg
 - a) Rosenberg announced several changes in *Encomia* leadership:
Samuel N. Rosenberg (Indiana University-Bloomington [French and Italian, emeritus]) will succeed Jean Blacker as Editor,
Salvatore Calomino (University of Wisconsin-Madison [German]) replaces Christopher Kleinhenz as Chief (International) Bibliographer,
and Beverly Evans (SUNY-Geneseo [French]) replaces Rainer H. Goetz as NAB Coordinator. There is a new team of bibliographers.

- b) Rosenberg announced that volume 27 will be out by the end of the 2006 calendar year if possible.
- c) He announced that volume 27 will maintain the primary focus of *Encomia*—bibliographical information—but it will have an expanded book review section of 17-20 reviews. Therefore, he requested that members notify him of both books to review (US or foreign publishers) and their willingness to write reviews.
- d) Rosenberg needs membership data from the branches ASAP.

8) The membership unanimously offered Jean Blacker its thanks for her work as Editor of *Encomia*.

9) Members of the John Gower and Hypertext Project have approached both the North American and the British Branch of the ICLS-NAB to investigate the possibility of becoming a subgroup within these societies. In this capacity, the Gower/Hypertext group would be responsible for organizing ICLS sessions and would take advantage of these regular meeting arrangements to delegate work on the hypertext project. Members of this group seek more conversation with international organizations, particularly with scholars of courtly literature from a variety of language traditions. If they the Gower/Hypertext group is approved as a subgroup of ICLS, they would pay the standard membership fees.

Discussion of the proposal followed. Motion to vote on proposal, seconded. The motion did not pass.

10) Proposal for Hypertext and Romance session at MLA, seconded and passed.

11) By acclamation the membership of ICLS-NAB stated its readiness to welcome all members of the John Gower Hypertext group not already members to join the NAB as individuals.

12) June Hall McCash on 2010 Triennial Congress: There is a possible need for a meeting site for ICLS 2010. That location must be announced in 2007 at the Congress in Lausanne and Geneva (late July/early August). If you have suggestions, contact McCash. One suggestion is Montreal, Canada for the 2010 Congress.

Cash reminded members to pay their dues so that they will receive *Encomia*.

13) Kalamazoo Sessions for 2007 (3 sessions)

Debate in Literature at Court proposed by Douglas Kelly

Douglas Kelly and Emma Cayley, organizers (23 votes)

Female Authority in Courtly Literature proposed by Susann Samples

Susann Samples, organizer (22 votes)

Translation for the Court proposed by June Hall McCash

June Hall McCash, organizer (19 votes)

Other topics:

Aggression in Courtly Literature proposed by Albrecht Classen (15 votes)
Landscape and Topography in Courtly Literature (11 votes)

2 sessions resolved unanimously for MLA:

Images of Courtliness (for MLA): Michelle Bolduc, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Hypertext and Romance (for MLA): Dan O'Sullivan, University of Mississippi (French), organizer

14) Secretary-Treasurer's Report

A) Fiona Tolhurst reported that Membership in the NAB remains fairly stable:

May 2006 membership numbers are 31 Graduate Student/Retiree, 107 Regular, 5 Joint, 15 Contributing, 4 Associate, 1 Charter, and 1 Life.

May 2005 membership numbers were 31 Graduate Student/Retiree, 98 Regular, 5 Joint, 20 Contributing, 5 Associate, 1 Charter, and 1 Life.

May 2004 membership numbers were 33 Graduate Student/Retiree/Independent Scholar, 124 Regular, 3 Joint, 14 Contributing, 4 Associate, 0 Charter, and 0 Life.

One area of concern is that as of May 2006 only 164 members had paid dues (similar to 2005 in which only 160 had paid by May). By the end of calendar year 2005, a total of 178 people paid dues and in 2004 192.

The NAB has a stable membership base of about 180 people, about 20 of whom tend to pay after May.

B) The number of NAB members paying in Canadian dollars rose from 6 people in 2004 (2 Graduate Student/Retiree and 4 Regular) to 12 in 2005 (4 Graduate Student/Retiree, 6 Regular, and two payments of other amounts). As of May 2006, 8 had paid in Canadian dollars (2 Graduate Student/Retiree and 6 Regular).

Although the Canadian account costs 3.75 CD per month to keep open, more and more members are paying their dues in Canadian Dollars—making this account a net gain for the Branch.

C) Tolhurst submitted the NAB's financial report to the membership, which was approved by acclamation.

The NAB began May 2005 with \$15,984.69 in the US account. Income from membership in 2006 as of this meeting was \$4,571.50 with expenses for postage and supplies of \$202.23. Current balance in the US account as of May 2 was \$20,353.96.

The Account with the Royal Bank of Canada had 881 Canadian dollars as of April 13, 2006. Since May 2005, Tolhurst has made deposits of 116.50, 130, and 42 Canadian dollars. These deposits far outstrip the 3.75 CD per month fee.

15) Charlotte Wulf announced that she needs information from members in order to publish a newsletter for the NAB. If members send information to her e-mail account (cwulf@comcast.net) by August 15, she will publish a September 15 issue by e-mail. It will contain information about ICLS sessions at MLA and Kalamazoo and conferences. She will publish a second issue in late February or early March with details about ICLS-NAB sessions at Kalamazoo. Members can also request aid with research questions through the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fiona Tolhurst
Secretary/Treasurer ICLS-NAB