

ICLS-NAB

Minutes of the Business Meeting of May 11, 2017

International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI

Meeting called to order 9:09 p.m.

Present: Jerry Lavin, Laura Zoll, Tamara Caudill, Ellen Lorraine Friedrich, Dorothy Gilbert, Pat Price, Ken Salzberg, Vivian Ramalingam, Stephanie Van D'Elden, Susanne Hafner, Janina Traxler, Judith Davis, Chris Callahan, Abraham Quintanar, Joseph T. Snow, Susann Samples, Julie Human

1. Approval of minutes from 2016 meeting in Lexington

- Approved, one abstention.

2. President's Report (Susann Samples)

- Elections needed:
 - Vice President, who will become President in three years.
 - French executive board member
 - Italian executive board member
- Will begin having Executive Board meetings prior to full membership meeting next year.
- We need a concerted effort to bring in new members. Urge grad students to join, also people you meet in sessions.
 - We should give money to people to travel to conferences to get them to join.
 - We could offer first year's grad student membership free.
 - Another society is offering to pay registration fee and a small stipend (\$500) for grad students who present on their panels.
- Thank you to Gloria Allaire and Julie Human for organizing Lexington congress.

3. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Julie Human)

- Account balance: \$25,267.06
- Active members: 101 paid through 2017; 313 total
- Update on profits from Congress in Lexington: \$2,907.85 (registration fees did not include budget for acts volume, but the profit will go towards cost of producing volume; final cost not yet known).
- Member questions
 - How many essays in volume? 19
 - Why were automatic renewals canceled? Chris Callahan canceled automatic renewals to his account; we have a new Paypal account now. Information about renewing membership is available on [our website](#).
 - How much for a triennial joint membership for retirees? \$48.00

4. *Encomia* Editor's Report

- Beverly Evans not present

5. Elections

- Vice President of ICLS-NAB

- Susanne Hafner elected
- Executive Board Members for French and Italian
 - French: Chris Callahan
 - Italian: Gloria Allaire, *in absentia* (Note: May 18, 2017: Gloria accepts this position)

6. Proposals for Next Year's Conference(s)

- If you organize a session, it is your responsibility to fill it.
- Possible sessions topics:
 - Teaching courtly literature
 - What is courtly love? Courtly love across the disciplines
 - Material culture and artifacts: objects of courtly love
 - Cultural encounters
 - Emotions, affect studies: is there emotion in courtly society?
 - Defining the Beloved, object/subject
 - Performing Courtly Love
- Final proposals:
 - Round table (What is Courtly Love? Susanne Hafner will organize)
 - Paper session (Expressing Emotion in Courtly Culture, Julie Human will organize)
 - Performance (Performing Courtly Love, Chris Callahan will organize)
 - Patricia Price, Judith Davis, and Janina Traxler will each preside at a session (TBD which one).

7. Other Business

- MLA: they didn't know who the new president was; said they needed a proposal immediately. If we don't propose a session, we may lose it. Let's propose Cultural Encounters for 2019. Abraham Quintanar will organize for 2019.
- No triennial dues for joint memberships; we set a rate of \$48 for joint retiree triennial dues.
- We need more young members, and how to reach them. Include fellowship in CFP.

Meeting ended 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Human, Secretary-Treasurer.