

ICLS-NAB

Minutes of the Business Meeting, May 11, 2023
International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo

Meeting called to order 8:35 p.m.

Present: Gloria Allaire, Chris Callahan, Casey Casebier, Tam Caudill, S.P. Cooper, Bill Davis, Judith Davis, Susanne Hafner, Suzanne Hagedorn, Stacey Hahn, Sarah-Grace Heller, Julie Human, Kathy Krause, Kimberly Lifton, Patrick Moran, Leslie Zarker Morgan, Anne Salamon, Stephanie Cain Van d'Elden, Monica Wright

1. Approval of Minutes, 2022
 - a. 2022 Minutes accessible here: <https://bit.ly/3kVXjQ7>
 - b. Approved.
2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - a. Account balance: \$26,050.46 (from \$25,125.22 last year)
 - b. Active members: Last year: 74 members up-to-date through 2022+; this year: 84 members paid through 2023+ (and 110 through 2022)
 - c. Dhira Mahoney Fund: \$1000 research fellowship disbursed, March 2022; remaining balance (\$5000-\$1000+\$320 donations): \$4320
 - d. Cost of business meeting refreshments has more than doubled since 2019 (\$300 vs. \$640)
 - i. We agreed to continue meeting in person using conference catering
 - e. Reminder: this year's presenters should contact me (julie.human@uky.edu) to receive a free one-year membership. I need name, academic affiliation, mailing address, and email address.
 - f. Note about INTERNATIONAL COURTLY LITERATURE SOCIETY TEMPLE UNIVERSITY: We need a vote on record to change the name to International Courtly Literature Society–North American Branch with the IRS.
 - i. Suzanne Hagedorn moves; Shawn Cooper seconds; unanimous vote to change name
3. *Courtly Pastimes* Update, Gloria Allaire
 - a. In print! Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group).
 - b. Purchase here: <https://www.routledge.com/Courtly-Pastimes/Allaire-Human/p/book/9781032307909>; discount code **AFL02**
4. Dhira Mahoney Research Fellowship
 - a. No applicants this year
5. Emerging Scholars Grants
 - a. No applicants this year
 - b. Discussion: Change name of grant to more accurately reflect its purpose?
 - i. Conference Travel Grant
 - ii. Founders Grant for Attending a Conference
 - iii. Founders Grant for Conference Participation
 - iv. Founders Conference Grant*** (members agree on this one)
6. Advisory Board
 - a. We currently have a full slate of members

- i. Suzanne Hagedorn (English/Italian)
 - ii. Stacey L. Hahn (French)
 - iii. Gina Psaki (French)
 - iv. Anne Salamon (French, Canadian representative)
 - v. Judith G. Benz (German)
 - vi. Kim Lifton
- 7. Executive Committee
 - a. Constitution: “Elected Officers and members of the Advisory Committee shall serve for a period of three years or until their successors are chosen. Officers shall assume their duties on September 1 of the year of the Triennial Congress.”
 - b. All members of EC (Pres. Susanne Hafner, VP Shawn Cooper, Sec/Treas/Webmaster Julie Human) have served 3 (+1) years, including a pandemic extension, so it is time for an election.
 - c. Nominations: accepted from the floor at this meeting and anonymously via the link on our website (http://www.iclsnab.org/?page_id=22) until June 1, 2023
 - d. The president will contact all nominees to verify that they are willing to stand for election
 - e. A ballot will be sent to all ICLS-NAB members, open until June 15, 2023
 - f. Current EC members are all willing to serve for an additional three-year period
 - i. Kathy Krause nominates all current EC members.
- 8. Accomplishments during our tenure
 - a. A very healthy balance
 - b. We received a bequest from the late Dhira Mahoney (Not really our accomplishment. Thank you, Dihra! May her memory be a blessing.)
 - c. We brought the advisory committee back into compliance with our constitution.
 - d. Presenters and chairs at any ICLS-NAB-sponsored session receive a free one-year membership.
 - e. The Emerging Scholars Grant: \$400 towards the expenses for conference participation at Kalamazoo
 - f. The Dhira Mahoney Fellowship: \$1000 for research
 - g. We are hosting the 2023 Congress at Vancouver (organizers: Anne Salamon, Isabelle Delage-Béland, Patrick Moran)
 - h. We set up social media for the branch (discuss making this more lively)
 - i. Two of us serve on the advisory board of *Encomia* (continued)
 - j. 2024 The New Generation
 - k. We are co-hosting "The New Generation," a workshop+conference in March 2024 (organizers: the EC of ICLS-NAB and Nicholas Paul, Director of the Center for Medieval Studies, Fordham University)
 - i. Word from organizer, Susanne Hafner: The conference will address two intersecting goals: 1) establish a mentorship and networking system for junior medievalists and 2) present the cutting-edge research of junior scholars as well as that of selected senior medievalists to the public. The workshop+conference purposefully reaches out to graduate students and junior medievalists who are not tied into well-established mentorship networks. The idea is to bring junior scholars to New York, team them up with - invited - senior scholars in their field, and provide them with the

opportunity to work on their research projects in small groups. This will give them feedback on their work at a critical stage of their careers, establish lasting mentorship relationships, and create a cohort of young scholars working on courtly literature who will stay in touch. These small working groups will spend Friday afternoon and Sunday morning together. On Saturday, Fordham and ICLS-NAB will host a conference which is open to the public, where students and mentors give formal presentations on their work.

9. 2023 Congress in Vancouver, July 24-28

- a. Word from organizers, Anne Salamon, Patrick Moran, Isabelle Delage-Béland
 - i. Technical difficulties made it very difficult for folks in Fetzer to hear folks on Zoom (and vice versa), but these are the important points:
 - ii. The deadline for registration and conference dinner reservations is May 15 (11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time [PST]).
 - iii. By May 15 (11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time [PST]): Email icls.congress@ubc.ca with any title changes, changes of status/institution, your pronouns and the name you wish to see printed on the tag if different than the one used in your email address.
 - iv. Program and schedule coming soon after May 15
 - v. A collective volume published by Garnier will bring together part of the conference papers. Another part will be submitted to Encomia. In order to benefit from the grant we have obtained, the timetable is however very tight. We will therefore ask you to submit your articles by October 1, 2023 to icls.congress@ubc.ca
 - vi. Activities and excursions: During the week, a team of graduate students will offer guided tours of the campus. Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30, the company “Landsea Tours and Adventures” (<https://vancouverstays.com>) offers a 10% discount to congress participants on tours with the code “ICLS 2023”. Tours depart from Downtown Vancouver, but we can arrange a meeting point from campus to travel Downtown. The “Vancouver Highlights Tour” and “Vancouver City + Lookout + Capilano Suspension Bridge” tours were particularly recommended to us. If you wish to explore the region further, the “Victoria and Butchart Gardens Tour” will allow you to enjoy a breathtaking ferry ride to Vancouver Island. In this period of intense tourist activity, the company does not offer private excursions, so we recommend that you book as soon as possible: <https://vancouverstays.com>

10. Plans for ICMS 2024

- a. Ideas for session proposals (the individual suggesting a session also volunteers to organize it).
 - i. Manuscript ownership and readers at court (Gloria Allaire/Kim Lifton)
 - ii. Courtly foods and feasting (Gloria Allaire)
 - iii. Roundtable: Strong Women in Courtly Culture (Suzanne Hagedorn)
 - iv. Global Courtly Culture (Kathy Krause)
 - v. Politics of the Court, Global Politics in the Medieval Court (Shawn Cooper)

- b. Send additional ideas for sessions to julie.human@uky.edu by May 15 at noon EDT.
 - c. Ballot will be sent via listserv on May 15/16 with voting deadline of May 22 so organizers can send in panels by ICMS deadline.
11. Member News and Accomplishments
- a. Kathy Krause has retired
 - b. Gloria Allaire will soon retire
 - c. Anne Salamon has earned tenure
 - d. Bonnie Krueger's *New Cambridge Companion to Medieval Romance* has been published
 - e. Shawn Cooper has a book chapter soon to be published
12. Other Business?
- a. Ideas for recruitment
 - i. Flyers with all of our grant information, how to join
 - ii. Contact (and share flyers) with medieval programs with graduate students
 - iii. Share flyers with Facebook groups/pages for large programs/societies

Meeting ended at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Human, Secretary/Treasurer.