

# ICLS-NAB

Minutes of the Business Meeting, May 9, 2024

International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo

Meeting called to order 8:40 p.m.

Present: (<https://tinyurl.com/ICLSNAB>)

Via Zoom: Anne Salamon, Patrick Moran, Leslie Zarker Morgan

In person: Tam Caudill, Kristin Burr, Monica Wright, Gloria Allaire, Laine Doggett, Casey Casebier, Shawn Cooper, Albrecht Classen, Susanne Hafner, Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand, Flannery Jamison, Heidi Zmick, Emily Aguayo, Skye Oliver, Julie Human

1. Approval of Minutes, 2023
  - a. 2023 Minutes accessible here: <https://tinyurl.com/ICLSminutes>
  - b. Accepted.
2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
  - a. Account balance: \$18,851.90 (from \$26,050.46 last year)
    - i. \$200 to Flannery Jamison, Founders Conference Grant (Vancouver)
    - ii. \$1000 to Julie Human, officer's funding for travel to international congress (Vancouver)
    - iii. \$7000 to Fordham University for The Next Generation
  - b. Dhira Mahoney Fund: balance (\$5000-\$1000 in March 2022+\$910 donations, including \$500 from Stephanie Van d'Elden in 2023): \$4910
  - c. Cost of business meeting refreshments down a bit from last year (\$210 drink tickets/\$210 food vs. \$640 last year)
    - i. Fruit and more dessert next year, no cheese, crackers, bruschetta
  - d. Active members: Last year: 84 members paid through 2023+ (and 110 through 2022); this year 77 members through 2024+, 104 through 2023
  - e. Reminder: this year's presenters/presiders/organizers should contact me ([julie.human@uky.edu](mailto: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: I will work on changing this this summer (we voted last year; I apologize for the delay)
3. Suggestions from Members
  - a. Minnie Sangster requests that I send a note to the listserv in the event of a member's death. I ask that you send me this information if you learn of someone passing away, so that I can share it.
  - b. Beth Willingham suggests modifications to website/membership levels/dues (<https://tinyurl.com/ICLSmembership>)

- i. Clearer designation/definition of membership levels (contributing, associated, charter)
    - 1. This should be in old minutes; Leslie will check to see what she has
  - ii. Charter x 5 years=lifetime
  - iii. A larger discount for triennial dues on par with savings for joint memberships (at least \$12 annually)
  - iv. How much do members cost? What about national branches paying for triennial conferences? (see note below about discussion during General Assembly in Vancouver)
- 4. ICLS-NAB Grants
  - a. Lack of applicants for Dhira Mahoney Fellowship and Founders Conference Grant for ICMS
  - b. Proposal to have flyers designed using new designation (Founders Conference Grant, voted on last year, to replace Emerging Scholars Grant) as well as Dhira Mahoney Fellowship and a permanent date so we can reuse the same flyer each year (February/March 1, etc.)
    - i. Susanne will follow up with Fordham grad students in August 2024 when they return to campus
  - c. Founders Conference Grant: presenting a paper in ICLS-NAB session, no other funding. Maybe remove requirement for no other funding; increase amount? Cover at least registration and lodging in dorm? Approved. Change to underfunded, supply budget.
  - d. Can we put ad into Kalamazoo program? Would be more expensive to do that than the amount we want to offer folks.
- 5. ICLS Vancouver
  - a. Report on triennial congress, July 2023, Anne Salamon, Patrick Moran (via Zoom/telephone)
  - b. Slides: <https://tinyurl.com/ICLSVancouverReport>
  - c. General assembly:
    - i. international society does not receive revenue from national societies. *Encomia* does not cost us any money. Discussed national organizations paying \$10/member/year to the international organization. Proposal received some support but some opposition. To be continued.
    - ii. *Encomia* happy to receive and publish articles. Not required to be members of ICLS to submit.  
<https://classiques-garnier.com/encomia-en.html>
    - iii. Early to mid July 2026 Congress: Montpellier, France; Leslie suggests putting slides on international website. CFP will be out in 2025

1. “We look forward to welcoming you to the XVIIIth Triennial Congress of the International Courtly Literature Society, July 2026 at Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3 in France. The theme of the Congress is “Courtly Knowledge.”
- iv. New international officers elected
  1. Patrick Moran (U of British Columbia), President + Co-editor, *Encomia*
  2. Leah Tether (U of Bristol), Vice President
  3. Vanessa Obry (U de Haute-Alsace), Secretary
  4. Lucas Wood (Texas Tech U), Treasurer
  5. Richard Trachsler (U of Zurich), Co-editor, *Encomia*
  6. Tamara Bentley Caudill (Jacksonville U), Webmaster & Social Media
6. Fordham: The Next Generation (March 2023)
  - a. Fordham paid half of the expenses (\$7k each)
    - i. Agreed upon by 4 deans, all in STEM
  - b. 3 mentors:
    - i. Sarah Pearce (NYU)
    - ii. Kristina Richardson (U of Virginia)
    - iii. Usha Vishnuvajjala (SUNY New Paltz)
  - c. 17 submissions: Cairo U (Egypt), Yarmouk U (Jordan), Jaume I U (Spain), Oxford x2 (UK), U of Toronto x2, UBC (Canada), Brandeis, Central Oklahoma, Clemson, Columbia, CUNY, Fordham, U of Colorado, UT Austin (USA)
  - d. ranks: 1 undergraduate - 1 associate professor, mostly Ph.D students
  - e. wide range of fields
  - f. 9 accepted; fully funded
  - g. Friday: mentoring session; mentors offered feedback on work submitted. Saturday: regular conference. Quality of conference papers very high. Sunday: Q&A mentoring.
7. Advisory Board
  - a. Current members (through 2025):
    - i. Suzanne Hagedorn (English/Italian)
    - ii. Anne Salamon (French, Canadian representative)
    - iii. Judith G. Benz (German)
    - iv. Kim Lifton
  - b. Thank you to our faculty emeritae for their service:
    - i. Stacey L. Hahn (French)
    - ii. Gina Psaki (French)
  - c. We need to elect two new members; nominations tonight and online through June 1: <https://tinyurl.com/ICLSadvisory>

8. Plans for ICMS 2025

- a. Suggestions for panel topics now, and via email to Julie (julie.human@uky.edu) through May 24. If you propose a session, please plan on also organizing it.
  - i. The Eye of the Beholder: Courtly Representations of Beauty (Gloria Allaire)
  - ii. Textiles with Distaff
  - iii. Sisterhood of the Traveling Song: Gendered Voices in Religious and Secular Lyric (Chris Callahan)
  - iv. Play that funky music, knight boy: Tilts, Troubadours, and Courtly Entertainments (Shawn Cooper)
  - v. Haulin' Oats: Travel and Trade in Medieval Literature (Shawn Cooper)
  - vi. There Might Be Giants: Monsters in Manuscripts (Shawn Cooper) (MEARCSTAPA will be proposing a very similar session, so we might want to consider co-sponsorship)
  - vii. The Power of Love: Affection and Authority in Courtly Settings (Shawn Cooper)
  - viii. Tortured Poets: Verse and Violence in Courtly Literature (Shawn Cooper)
  - ix. The Next Generation: a panel specifically for junior scholars, maybe bringing back some of the conference participants (Susanne Hafner)
  - x. A roundtable in honor of a long-time member (suggestion: Stephanie Cain Van d'Elden). Potentially co-sponsor with SMGS. (Susanne Hafner)

9. Member News and Accomplishments

- a. Gloria Allaire is retiring
- b. Albrecht Classen: since 2004 has organized a symposium at U of Arizona a week before Kalamazoo. Miracles Wonders and Faith most recent one; Peace, community, friendship upcoming. Very international, everyone invited, intimate group.
- c. Tamara Caudill: with Kathy Krause, a piece of flash fiction forthcoming, "Eleanor of Aquitaine," in a book *Fast Historical Women*, ed. Gina Barreca
- d. Shawn Cooper: book chapter titled "The Pentangle in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*" in a peer-reviewed volume titled *Unveiling the Green Knight: Critical Essays on Gawain's Journey* (ed. Jonathan Fruoco); and an article in the most recent *Encomia* titled "Guilt, Shame, and Truth in Malory's *Le Morte Darthur*".
- e. Suzanne Hagedorn: 23 articles on Chaucer in *Chaucer Encyclopedia*, Brill, ed. Richard Newhauser at ASU
- f. Albrecht Classen: Andrew Breeze in Spain, shattering new book about King Arthur, has also dated and identified author of *Gawain and the Green Knight*
- g. Susanne Hafner: research grant for project on food in Italy, vocabulary for ingredients
- h. Susann Samples is retiring

10. Other Business?

- a. Possible to change time of meeting? Conflicts with evening sessions to move earlier.

Meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Human, Secretary/Treasurer