

**International Courtly Literature Society-NAB, Annual Business Meeting, Kalamazoo MI,  
10 May, 2007  
Meeting Minutes**

- 1) President Rose Marie Deist called the meeting to order at 9:20 PM.
- 2) Meeting minutes from the ICLS-NAB meeting at Kalamazoo 2006 were approved by unanimous vote of the membership.
- 3) President Deist announced the candidates for the open positions on the Advisory Board:
  - Julian Vitullo, Italian, Arizona State U
  - Katherine Kong, French, U of Tennessee, Knoxville

President Deist also asked for further nominations from the floor and asked especially for the nomination of a candidate from Canada; however, there were no further nominations. Vitullo and Kong were elected by acclamation. The outcome of this election maintains the current balance of fields represented on the Board.

- 4) Kalamazoo Sessions for 2008 (3 sessions):

**Parodies of Courtliness** proposed by Joan McRae

Joan McRae, organizer (24 votes)

**Courtly Paradigms** proposed by Judith Davis

Judith Davis, organizer (19 votes)

**Troubadours in the Twenty-First Century** proposed by Ron Akehurst

Ron Akehurst, organizer (21 votes)

Other topic:

**Courtly Paradise** proposed by Kathy Krause (15 votes)

- 5) 2 sessions resolved unanimously for the 2008 MLA:

**Courtly Hells:** Wendy Pfeffer, U of Louisville.

**Courtly Paradise:** Kathy Krause, U of Missouri

- 6) Election of Executive Officers 2007-2010

A) President Deist asked for nominations from the floor. The floor nominated Dan O'Sullivan and Janina Traxler for the vice presidency.

B) Due to Secretary –Treasurer Tolhurst's imminent departure from the U.S., Joe Sullivan, U of Oklahoma, was elected by acclamation to occupy the position of acting Secretary-Treasurer from 16 May to 1 September 2007.

C) Five individuals will appear on the ballot. The deadline for voting will be 15 July 2007.

President:	Maureen Boulton, U of Notre Dame
Vice President:	Paul Rockwell, Amherst College Janina Traxler, Manchester College Dan O'Sullivan, U of Mississippi
Secretary-Treasurer:	Joe Sullivan, U of Oklahoma

7) Secretary-Treasurer's Report

A) Secretary Tolhurst reported that membership in the NAB remains fairly stable:

May 2007 membership numbers are 27 Graduate Student/Retiree, 101 Regular, 2 Joint, 13 Contributing, 3 Associate, 0 Charter, and 0 Life.

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.

\*Although the 2007 membership numbers seem a bit lower than those of previous years this is due to the fact that many members wait until relatively late in the year to pay their dues.

B) Wendy Pfeffer suggested that the International Secretary-Treasurer receive a copy of the ICLS-NAB membership list.

C) Secretary Tolhurst announced that we have opened a bank account that accepts transactions in both U.S. and Canadian currencies. Previously, we have had separate U.S. and Canadian accounts.

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

The NAB began May 2006 with \$19,566.46 in the US account. Income from membership in 2007 as of this meeting was \$3,857.50 with expenses for postage and supplies of \$99.29. Current balance in the U.S. account as of 7 May 2007 was \$18,138.67.

8) *Encomia* Report: Sam Rosenberg

In the name of Sal Calomino, the Chief International Bibliographer, as well as his own, Rosenberg thanked all the NAB bibliographers, including Rainer Goetz, the team coordinator, for their contributions to Volume 27 (2005). He then introduced Beverly Evans, who succeeds Goetz as NAB coordinator and is already at work on forthcoming volumes.

Rosenberg noted two features of the just published Vol. 27 (2005 bibliography for 2003): first, the absence of several branches, whose contributions for both 2003 and 2004 will appear in Vol. 28 (2006); then, the expansion of the section devoted to book reviews. He asked members to e-mail him their opinions about how the data are presented and how books are reviewed; e.g., should *Encomia* keep the expanded book review section?

Rosenberg thanked Jean Blacker, former editor, for her generous assistance to him.

Rosenberg and Calomino's major effort at present is to accelerate the production of "annual" volumes to the point where cover date and calendar year will be the same.

Publication Information:

- Vol. 27 has just appeared, bears the cover-date 2005, and has data from 2003.
- Vol. 28 will bear the cover-date 2006 and will have data from 2003 and 2004.
- Vol. 29/30 will have data from 2005-2006 and will be published in 2008. Data for this volume is due to Sal Calomino by 15 March 2008.

9) Other Business: President Deist reported that Charlotte Wulff, who had volunteered as Newsletter editor, has received no submissions for the newsletter. The membership decided to defer to a future meeting discussion of whether to continue the newsletter.

10) The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph M. Sullivan  
Acting Secretary/Treasurer ICLS-NAB