

ICLS meeting: Kalamazoo 2011

May 12, 2011

The minutes follow the order of the Agenda.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:22 PM.
2. Minutes of 2010 Kalamazoo meeting: There were no minutes; Chris Callahan's report will be circulated over the summer.
3. Janina made the announcements:
 - introduction of current board members
 - election of new board members: to fill positions currently occupied by Rockwell (French) and Burr (French).
 - volunteers were requested. Stephanie Cain van D'Elden (German) offered when asked; and Judith Davis (French) agreed. It was moved that these would be the candidates and nominations were closed; they are now accepted as new board members.
4. Treasurer's report: Chris Callahan's designee, Janina, circulated the report; there are \$18,436.09 in the bank. The charge for *Encomia* is not present; we're now switching to printing only electronically. Questions were raised: Where is MLA cash bar contribution? And was there not a charge for the cash bar from the Kalamazoo meeting last year?

The report was accepted unanimously with emendations: that would include *Encomia*, MLA and Kzoo Cash Bar costs.

5. *Encomia* report: Logan Whalen's report was delivered by Janina Traxler in Logan's absence. Volumes 32-33 will be double; it should be out at the end of this year or the beginning of the next year.

Janina made a request for reviewers and books to review, especially in German; send suggestions to Logan.

6. Next year (2012) will be the 40th anniversary of ICLS. We need to talk about anniversary projects. Janina offered two and then took suggestions from the floor. Her points:

-- should we create a subcommittee to take ideas/set up ?

-- we don't know what if anything the international branch is doing (Keith B. might know, Janina will check); our branch should do something since we started it here at Kzoo.

-- at least one session should be something about the ICLS at 40.

--perhaps we should consider a one-time travel award for grad student; that a branch committee receive the applications (that would need a recommendation from their dissertation supervisor), and then the paper accepted would be considered for the RMMLA retroactively;

--should alternatively there be a prize for the best paper?

--should this include underemployed/ untenured people also?

--Stephanie Van Elden noted that there were historians at first meetings and it would be nice to get them involved again; one topic type that might pull them in would be The Role of court and ??

B. Start a fund to create a fund for travel in the future (member with a name etc.)

Stephanie noted that we still need and want more members.

C. Susann Samples wondered how to advertise the ICLS: maybe a table? And announcing it at each session, as well as requiring that everyone join in order to participate.

A subcommittee was formed, consisting of: Judith, Stephanie, Sarah Grace H., Jeanina, Wendy for the 40th. The proposal passed.

7. Proposals for upcoming sessions of ICLS at various conferences were then considered: Kalamazoo 2012 (3 needed) deadline is June 1; and MLA 2013 (one)

Courtly world and eco-criticism (Albrecht)

--Food vocabulary in literature; importance of culinary history (Wendy Pfeffer--could organize)

--Shadow figures (doppelganger figures, ghosts, shadow characters)

--Costume or disguise

--Art of hospitality

--Sibling rivalry

--suggestions from the floor

ICLS at 40: a retrospective (Patrick Aloysius Thomas?) – by Board—Janina

Celebrations at court – (Wendy)

Games at court: medieval and neo-medieval (Casey Casebier)

Unanimously accepted

8. Congratulations were offered on new books:

"Our lady's lawsuits", *L'avocacie notre dame et la chapellerie notre dame* by Judith and Ron A.
(published by ACMRS); and

Albrecht Claasen's *Handbook of Medieval Studies*

Courtly seductions modern subjections ACMRS

Info about the MLA? Timing? Checking for next year.

9. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 to laments about the missing cash bar ;)

Respectfully submitted,

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