

## Minutes of the ICLS-NAB Business Meeting of May 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Janina Traxler at 9:10 p.m., and the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2012 were approved without emendation. The meeting was very sparsely attended, owing to the concurrent dinner in honor of Matilda Bruckner.

### Elections

Current board members were introduced and elections of officers and advisory board members proceeded forthwith. As no further nominations were made from the floor, Vice-president elect Leslie Zarker Morgan acceded to the presidency, Susann Samples was elected Vice-president, and Chris Callahan was re-elected Secretary/treasurer. The Board memberships of Wendy Pfeffer and Juliann Vitullo were also renewed.

### Treasurer's Report

Chris Callahan reported \$3,698.84 in income from dues, bringing our balance to \$23, 893.17. Expected debits included \$119.40 to renew our web domain, and the bill for *Encomia* 32-33, which was sent to all current members during the week of the Medieval Congress. [Secretary's note: this expense, which came to \$6960.00, was debited on June 25, 2013.]

Gloria Allaire inquired about the deposit charge from PayPal. As this is 5%, it was suggested, pending further discussion, that membership fees be increased to cover this cost. No action was taken at this time.

### Travel Grant

This subject was first discussed at the May business meeting in 2012, and guidelines chosen without further action. Pursuant to proposals by Ellen Friedrich and Ray Cormier and approved in unanimity, the grant will bear the name ICLS Travel Grant, will be for the amount of \$750, and will go towards the expenses of graduate students giving a paper in an ICLS session. The grant information will be included in the call for papers for the 2014 Congress. The abstract of grant winners will be available on the ICLS website.

### Triennial Congresses

As per a request by Gloria Allaire, Ellen Friedrich proposed to offer advice on hotel selection for the upcoming ICLS Congress in Lisbon. [Such advice was subsequently distributed, and declared extremely helpful by Congress registrants.] Gloria then made a pitch for ICLS 15, proposing the University of Kentucky as the venue for the next Triennial Congress in 2016. Her proposal, enthusiastically received by all present, was made with considerable business acumen, including brochures and an oral quiz on the charms of Kentucky, rewarding respondents with miniature plush horses (no miniatures of bourbon, though).

### Upcoming ICLS sessions

Three session topics were chosen for the ICLS sponsored sessions at next year's Medieval Congress: The Legacy of Courtly Literature, organized by Deborah Nelson Campbell; Outsiders at Court, organized by Alexandra Sterling Hellenbrand; Courtly Conspiracies, organized by Chris Callahan.

Secretary's note: In June, the Medieval Congress organizers approved only two sessions, and the organizers were asked to choose which theme to drop. The consensus was that Outsiders at Court

could easily be subsumed under Courtly Conspiracies, thus the sessions that will be announced in the cfp are Legacy and Conspiracies.

The ICLS session – Storms at/of the Court – at the upcoming MLA, in Chicago January 7-12, 2014, will be chaired by Kathy Krause.

MLA 2015

ICLS also plans to propose a session at the MLA Winter meeting in 2015, which will take place January 8-11 in Vancouver, BC.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Callahan

Sec./Treas. ICLS-NAB