

Minutes of the ICLS-NAB Business Meeting
May 14, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 9:15 p.m. by President Leslie Zarker Morgan. Leslie thanked VP Susann Samples for having run the business meeting in 2014. Minutes of that year's meeting were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Callahan reported an account balance of \$23,354.06. ICLS-NAB currently numbers 250 active members.

Encomia Report

Former *Encomia* editor Logan Whalen reported that he will assist the new editor, Florence Bouchet, with the transition to an online edition. The press will switch from AR Editions to Garnier. Dual volume 34-35, totaling 450 pages, is slated to go to press in December. In its first year of handling *Encomia*, Garnier will publish a print edition as well an online version. Florence Bouchet stated that her main goal is to return to the publication schedule achieved under Sam Rosenberg's editorship. She expects this to happen quickly, and at less cost, than in the past. She also indicated that future volumes will not contain indices, as searches will be done online. She promises to send the new streamlined format for submission to branch coordinators. It is not yet known how access work. Branch secretaries should receive notice during the summer describing the new procedures. Logan pointed out that branches only sent their membership lists and submissions a week in advance. Bibliographical notices not received by the announced date will not be included. Logan concluded his report by stating how stressful the past few years have been for him, though he has enjoyed the service aspect of editing the bulletin, and is happy to help Florence with the shift to Garnier and to online publication.

Board elections

Two board positions expired last July, and one more will become open this summer. Nominations from the floor were requested. Logan Whalen nominated Sarah Grace Heller for French; Joe Sullivan nominated Alexandra Sterling Hellenbrand for German. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Valerie Wilhite continue as representative for Spanish and Portuguese, and noted that the representative for Italian and French will need to be replaced next May.

ICLS XV

Gloria Allaire, chair of the next international congress, to be held at the University of Kentucky-Lexington, announced the general theme of next summer's meeting to be Courtly Pastimes. Session topics on jousting, equestrian sports, games, hawking, and hanky-panky would be welcome. The dates would be announced later in the summer because UK only allows booking of rooms for events one year in advance. Gloria reported that the new dorms were finished, but that the old part of the Student Center was now a construction zone. In addition, a new boutique hotel will be finished by 2016, becoming the fifth such accommodation in town.

In response to Leslie's query regarding cost, Gloria said that too was to be determined.

Three of four plenary speakers are currently secured. There is to be a plenary in French on manuscripts, one in English on games and sports, one in German on print books and horses,

while a specialist on Renaissance dance has been contacted but not responded. So perhaps there will be a talk on Renaissance horse breeding, which could involve members of the larger community.

Excursions are planned to the Shaker Village and to one or two distilleries, while cultural entertainment will include a dressage demonstration by Yvonne Bertrand and a raptor rescue. Gloria would inquire as the local falconers. Chris Callahan offered the coordinates of a vocal ensemble, Liber, which specializes in late-medieval polyphony.

Gloria has scheduled a meeting tomorrow with Boydell and Brewer to discuss possible publication of the papers from ICLS XVI.

Kalamazoo 2016

Leslie reminded us that proposals for next the 52nd Congress on Medieval Studies are due in one month. Four suggestions were made: *Trees and Forests* from Albrecht Classen, *Time at Court* from Judith Davis, *Minor Figures in Courtly Literature* from Susann Samples and *Accessing the Court ?* – proposer unrecorded. Votes went to *Time at Court* and *Minor Figures*.

MLA 2017

Two sessions were proposed: *Mobility and Disability – Getting to Court* from Jeff Stoyanoff, and *Civilized and Savage Spaces*, from Albrecht Classen.

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Callahan
Secretary/Treasurer, ICLS-NAB

Post-scriptum. It must be mentioned that as we were enjoying the refreshments from our open bar, we were raided by Vikings, who sought to appropriate some of our wares. NAB members will want to be vigilant in the future against such open bar-foraging bumblebees.