

ICLS-NAB

Minutes of the Business Meeting, May 10, 2018
International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI

Meeting called to order 9:10 p.m.

Present: Gloria Allaire, Walt Blue, Cathy Blunk, Chris Callahan, Casey Casebier, Tamara Caudill, Shawn P. Cooper, Bill Davis, Judith Davis, Ellen Lorraine Friedrich, Susanne Hafner, Suzanne Hagedorn, Alexandra Hellenbrand, Julie Human, Vivian Ramalingam, Susann Samples, Stephanie Van D'Elden, Logan Whalen

1. Approval of minutes from 2017 meeting at Kalamazoo

- Approved.

2. President's Report (Susann Samples)

- Number of ICLS-NAB sessions at Kalamazoo
 - Reduced to two sessions this year.
 - Continue to propose 3 official ICLS sessions, but be ready for one to be cut and propose an additional session too. We will need 4 proposals.
- ICLS session at MLA
 - MLA not responsive to questions. Too late for this year. Do we want to try to maintain the session? Check internet for due date for proposals. We could also combine with other medieval groups (like Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship). Maybe Albrecht Classen will organize.
- Membership requirement to present
 - We need to bear this in mind, especially session organizers
- Financial support for underfunded presenters
 - (Please announce at this year's sessions)
 - We need to be proactive: if we have graduate students, encourage them and we will give some funding. We could offer early bird registration (\$95)
- ICLS XVth Congress at Univ of Exeter (next slide)

3. July 22-27 2019, Univ of Exeter

- **Courtly Communities/Communautés courtoises**
- We invite proposals of up to 200 words for 20-minute papers in English or French, to be submitted by 1 June 2018. We are also interested to welcome full panel proposals of up to 4 papers.
- Potential paper/panel topics include (but are not limited to):
 - Courts as communities, Textual communities, Literary and artistic collaboration, The network as a concept, Linguistic communities, Material communities at court
- Alongside the main business of scholarly exchange and debate, the conference will include visits to local medieval landmarks and other places of interest. All these activities will take place in a spirit of collaboration, community, and friendship, which will allow participants to build and renew their own professional and personal networks.

- Please send your proposals (in English or French) for papers or full panels to the following address, by 1 June 2018: e.j.cavley@exeter.ac.uk
- Discussion:
 - Can we offer funding to grad students? Yes.
 - Could we offer the ability to form panels in other languages? If hosted in US, yes.
 - Please also announce the conference at other panels this weekend.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Julie Human)

- Account balance: \$24,133.84
- Active members: 75 paid through 2018; 135 through 2017; 292 total
- *Encomia* costs:
 - \$2845.60 electronic access
 - \$597.68 printed copies
 - \$220.00 wire transfer fees
 - Do we want to maintain current dues structure, or should prices increase for those who wish to receive printed copies?
 - An extra amount should be paid by those who want printed copies
 - Updated after meeting: 16 people received printed copies, which is \$37.50 per person not counting the additional wire transfer fee.
 - We will discuss how to handle the expense of the print copy at our next business meeting.

5. *Encomia* Editor's Report (Beverly Evans)

- Not present.

6. Proposals for Next Year's Conference(s)

- Presiders should come from other organizations, not ICLS, to avoid scheduling our panels at the same time as other panels of courtly interest
- 10 votes: Round table: Othering in courtly literature (Susann Samples)
- 4 votes: Belief systems at court (religion, theology, politics) (SP Cooper)
- 9 votes: Weather at court (Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand)
- 10 votes: Fin amor around the world 12. (Judith Davis, Ellen Friedrich)
- Dressing the court
- 7 votes: Ovid and his heirs at court (no one volunteered to organize. No longer needed – we have four sessions)
- Poetic continuations
- Legacy of the trouvères in Machaut (cosponsored with Machaut Society)

7. Other Business

- Acts volume publication not turning out to be as smooth as we hoped. Original proposal not detailed enough. Mid-October 2017 beefed up proposal submitted; mostly positive reader report. Many essays accepted no changes, some slight changes, some major changes. They want a third proposal with new introduction to make a more solid volume, to tie together the essays.

- Hosting next ICLS conference: New Orleans? Difficult because Beth Poe has retired. Ideally the Canadian members of ICLS-NAB would host, but none present at meeting.
- Stephanie Van D'Elden would like to come lecture at our institutions about her new book, [Tristan and Isolde: Medieval Illustrations of the Verse Romances](#).

Meeting ended 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Human, Secretary-Treasurer.