

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
International Marie de France Society
Forty-second International Congress on Medieval Studies,
Western Michigan University, May 2007**

1. **Welcome, Logan Whalen, President**—The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Logan Whalen. Logan thanked this year's presenters. He explained that it was the last year of his three-year term as president; he thanked members for their cooperation and support of the IMFS during his years as president. He expressed his gratitude for being allowed to serve the society, which he characterized as "a wonderful group of people." He welcomed Rupert Pickens (who was unable to travel to Kalamazoo this year because of recent travel overseas) as the incoming president of the IMFS and predicted a bright future for the society under Rupert's presidency.
2. **2006 *Le Cygne* Report, Regula Meyer Evitt, Editor**
 - The 2006 volume should be out in late July, early August (due to minor extensions to secure publication privileges for the images to accompany June McCash's article).
 - The IMFS received \$450.00 of publication support from the Comparative Literature program at Colorado College for publication of the journal.
 - The IMFS received joint additional financial support from the deans of Colorado College and Middle Tennessee State University (a matching grant of \$500.00 from each school) for the permissions and printing costs of these images.
 - *Le Cygne* has an IT grant from Colorado College to develop the online version of *Le Cygne*. Colorado College has agreed to host the publication. Regula will e-mail IMFS members during the coming academic year for input about the "look" of the online version of the journal. IMFS members will need to decide as a group how we will charge for use of the online journal. [Possible point of discussion for next year's annual meeting.]
 - Call for old bulletin issues: If you have old versions of the *Bulletin*, please let Regula know if you can loan them so that they can be electronically scanned and become part of the online version of the journal.
 - Regula sent around a sign-up for book reviews for the next volume of *Le Cygne*. Ellen Thorington, Walt, Blue, Mathieu Boyd, and Monica Wright responded.
3. **Minutes of the 2006 meeting, Marie Madeleine Stey**—Marie-Madeleine could not attend this year's annual meeting. Logan Whalen read her minutes for last year's meeting; they were unanimously approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report, Marie-Madeleine Stey**—Regula Meyer Evitt presented Marie-Madeleine Stey's treasurer's report. Highlights included:
 - \$1585.00 in our savings account.

- 29 members/institutions have not paid their dues for 2006-07. Marie-Madeleine will follow up.
- Marie-Madeleine will send a letter in September 2007 reminding members to pay their dues. Several members requested that they receive an actual bill for their dues indicating how much they owe so that they can copy it and use it for their professional tax deductions.

5. New Business—

Available spaces on the Advisory Board for *Le Cygne* (1) and on the Executive Board (1) for vice-president.

- Walt Blue was nominated to replace June Hall McCash who has completed her three-year term on the advisory board. He accepted the nomination and was unanimously approved by the membership.
- With Rupert Pickens stepping into the presidency, we needed to elect a vice-president. Elizabeth Poe was nominated, accepted the nomination, and was unanimously elected as vice-president.

Sessions for next year's Congress.

- IMFS members voted unanimously to propose two Marie de France sessions for next year: Marie de France, I and II. Topics to be determined by response to call for papers. Walt Blue mentioned that with Ron Cook just finishing his translation of *Le Fresne*, oral performance might be a hot topic.

6. Treasurer's Budget, Marie-Madeleine Stey—Monica Wright was able to make copies of Marie-Madeleine Stey's budget for 2006-07. Logan Whalen presented the budget and it was approved unanimously by IMFS members.

7. Announcements—

- Judith Barban's and June Hall McCash's translation of *La vie Sainte Audree, The Life of St. Audrey: A Text by Marie de France* (facing translation) was just published by McFarland and Co.
- Logan Whalen's book, *Marie de France and the Poetics of Memory*, will be available in December from Catholic UP.

8. Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Meeting notes taken by Monica Wright; meeting minutes compiled by Regula Meyer Evitt.

Respectfully submitted, Professors Wright and Evitt