

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the International Marie de France Society
Forty-Sixth International Congress on Medieval Studies
Western Michigan University, May 13, 2011**

Welcome, Elizabeth Poe, President—The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Beth Poe. The minutes from the 2010 meeting were presented and approved.

Appointment to the Advisory Board of *Le Cygne*—Walter Blue rotated off the Advisory Board. The floor was opened for nominations. Sarah-Jane Murray nominated Timmie Vitz, and the nomination was seconded by Monica Wright. Prof. Vitz will consider it and get back to us. Other nominations included: Keith Busby (by Prof. Murray) and Elizabeth Archibald (by Matthieu Boyd).

Amendments to Bylaws:

- The Executive Committee proposed to amend the Bylaws to add an additional position to the Executive Committee, which will be a Graduate Student Representative. This representative will serve a three-year term, and must be a graduate student at the time he or she accepts the position. If the representative ceases to be a graduate student during the term, this change in status will not affect eligibility. The amendment passed with a unanimous vote.
- The Executive Committee proposed to amend the Bylaws to add to the language concerning the composition of the Advisory Board to the journal. The new language will be: “Advisory Committee. Composed of the Editor-in-Chief of *Le Cygne*, the Webmaster, the List-Owner and a minimum of three Editorial Readers.” The proposal passed with a unanimous vote. The new language will allow the Society to have more than three members of the Advisory Board.

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

- In the IMFS account, we currently have \$3991.24.
- Out of 76 members, 57 are paid up in dues through the current academic year.
- The Society has been incorporated in Louisiana as the first step in the process to obtain official recognition from the IRS as a tax-exempt corporation. We hope to file with the IRS this summer with the assistance of a tax accountant.
- The secretary also reports that the new website is up and running, with the new logo. The old website hosted by Virginia Commonwealth University has been successfully removed, and the only official IMFS website is the active one of the Society.
- Once we obtain tax-exempt status, we will have free web hosting options available to us.
- The Society retains all copyrights to the new logo.
- The Executive Committee proposed an amendment to the bylaws of the Society to reflect that the Society retains all copyrights to the logo. The vote to amend was unanimous.

2011 *Le Cygne* Report, Regula Meyer Evitt, Editor, read by Monica Wright

- Volume 5 of the journal (dated 2007) and Volume 6 (2008) appeared and was mailed to the membership.
- Publication costs for the two volumes were as follows: Volume 5 incurred \$1540.48 in publishing costs; Volume 6 was \$1560.48. The printing costs exhausted the fund

available in the Colorado College IMFS account, and the remaining balance of \$1015.40 was paid directly out of the IMFS account.

- Volume 8 (2010) will be a volume of translations of scholarly articles.
- Regula Meyer Evitt fulfilled her duties as editor, and the membership expressed its thanks to her for her service.
- Sarah-Jane Murray takes over the position of editor-in-chief of *Le Cygne*.

Report of New Editor, Sarah-Jane Murray

- Editor proposes two double issues: Volume 7 (2009-2010) and Volume 8 (2011-2012), the second of which would be a special edition on teaching Marie de France. The goal is eight articles per issue, but she will need help in recruiting articles.
- Report on using Lightning Source for publishing: print-on-demand. The press proposes a white or ecru cover with color logo. Anyone could purchase journal through amazon.com. Electronic versions would also be available. Each copy of the journal would incur minimal fees. We would order a print run of 200 copies.

Sessions for Next Year's Congress—The following sessions were approved:

- Performances of *Deux amants*
- Roundtable: Legacy of Marie de France
- Animals in Marie de France

Projecting into the future, the following topics were proposed:

- Performance of *Guigemar*, perhaps for 2013, with performers working together
- Sessions that would include any text written in Anglo-Norman

Election of Graduate Student Representative

Hannah Zdansky of Notre Dame University was nominated and unanimously elected.

Election of Vice-President

Ann McCullough of Middle Tennessee State University was nominated and unanimously elected, for the membership to ratify.

Commendation of Outgoing President

Beth Poe stepped down as president to applause. Matthieu Boyd took over as new president.

Adjournment—Matthieu Boyd adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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