

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the International Marie de France Society
Forty-Seventh International Congress on Medieval Studies
Western Michigan University, May 11, 2012**

Welcome, Matthieu Boyd, President—The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Matthieu Boyd. The minutes from the 2011 meeting were presented and approved.

Appointment to the Advisory Board of *Le Cygne*—??? rotated off the Advisory Board. The floor was opened for nominations. Matthieu Boyd nominated Timmie Vitz, and she was elected with a unanimous vote.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- In the IMFS account, we currently have \$4437.41.
- The tax-exempt application paperwork (Form 1023 and appendices) is ready for submission to the IRS for review and will be submitted on June 1, 2012, at end of fiscal year. We anticipate a quick response, although it could take as long as three months. We will submit the required application fee of \$350.00
- Once the IRS officially recognizes IMFS as a tax-exempt corporation, we can set up free web-hosting, resume taking international members' dues over Pay Pal, begin taking regular members' dues over Pay Pal, and develop a more complete website, which could include electronic renewal
- The Society must approve a conflict of interest policy, which had been previously approved by executive committee. The adoption of the policy was approved by the membership by a unanimous vote.

2012 Report of Editor of *Le Cygne*, Sarah-Jane Murray, read by Monica Wright

- The editor once again asked for help in obtaining the full set of back issues of *Le Cygne*. She has been in negotiations with Academic Search Complete for *Le Cygne* to enter for free into their full search database. Of course, I need #1. JSTOR will be more likely to take *Le Cygne* on when back issues are online and can prove readership and citations.
- Submissions and articles: We need help increasing submissions. We also need to continue with those translations of scholarly articles Glyn Burgess suggested.
- Volume 7: It took a little coaxing, but we should be able to go to print with sufficient materials in the early fall (or late summer) to have a double volume (2009-2010) and catch up. This will include 4 articles (1 bibliography by Glyn Burgess), the roundtable report, Walter Blue's *Milun*, and a letter from the editor. The editor would like to make it a matter of course that we include a roundtable section in the future.
- The editor supports the re-discussion of the special issue on teaching MdF, with guest editors, and I would like to contribute; she will oversee all prep for press, of course, but others will solicit the articles. She suggests 6 articles would be a good number to shoot for, and we can also include a roundtable synthesis.
- She wishes seriously to propose going online and replacing the paper issue of *Le Cygne* to be discussed at next year's annual meeting. This will possibly free up the little money we have to hire a freelance copyeditor to line proof each issue, as well as an intern to help prepare the issue. Moreover, we can run some adds and go after more material. Libraries are cutting back on journal storage space, scholarly work is available online more

quickly, etc. She would still go with Lightning Source to prepare the e/book copy, and will find out if they can also make a print on demand copy available for online order (at lesser cost to us) for those who wish to purchase the additional online copy. This will allow dues to remain stable with access to the ebook version of the journal (formatted for iPad and other ebook reading sources as well as accessible online)

Special Issue of Le Cygne on Teaching Marie de France

Matthieu Boyd and Monica Wright will co-edit the volume.

Proposed topics for inclusion in the volume:

- Teaching Through Performance, which could include the perspective of the performer and could also produce collaborative article(s). If it's an e-version, we could include links to Timmie Vitz's website
- Teaching Through Translation, which could also include an evaluation of commercially available translations
- Reading Beyond the Text
- Selecting Texts to Teach
- New Approaches to Marie de France

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

- Performances of Marie de France, *lai* to be determined later, in consultation with performers
- Roundtable: Teaching Marie de France (5 speakers with 5 minutes each to speak, followed by discussion)
- Legacy of Marie de France (follow-up to 2012's roundtable)

Sessions for 2013 Triennial Congress of ICLS in Lisbon

- We will propose two Open Topic sessions on Marie de France to the ICLS Congress organizers, and if approved, Monica Wright will send out a CFP and organize the sessions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Monica L. Wright

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