

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the International Marie de France Society  
Forty-Eighth International Congress on Medieval Studies  
Western Michigan University, May 10, 2013**

**Welcome, Matthieu Boyd, President**—The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by Matthieu Boyd. The minutes from the 2012 meeting were presented and approved.

**Appointment to the Advisory Board of *Le Cygne***—Regula Meyer Evitt rotated off the Advisory Board. The floor was opened for nominations. Beth Poe was nominated and was elected with a unanimous vote.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

- In the IMFS account, we currently have \$4310.62.
- International Marie de France Society has been officially granted tax exempt status by the International Revenue Service as of April 21, 2013. Our effective date of exemption was set retroactively to our incorporation date of June 21, 2010.
- IMFS is categorized as having Public Charity Status under section 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions (but not dues) are deductible under section 170 of the Code. We are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106, or 2522 of the Code.
- The Society's official fiscal year is June 1 to May 31 each year. We must file with the IRS from now on annually with Form 990.
- Monica Wright announced that she would be stepping down as Secretary-Treasurer at Kalamazoo 2014. She suggested asking Ed Ouellette to serve. He agreed to stand for election the following year.

**2013 Report of Editor of *Le Cygne*, Sarah-Jane Murray, read by Matthieu Boyd**

- 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 was delayed due to insufficient articles.
- The website has yielded no article submissions.
- She wishes to propose only publishing occasional volumes of articles instead of a journal, including the possibility of volumes of proceedings of conference presentations organized by the society and special volumes on topics.
- Matthieu Boyd and Monica Wright are editing a special issue of the journal on Teaching Marie de France. Articles are due in April 2014.
- Logan Whalen suggested using web-based publishing for the journal instead of the tradition method to save on costs.

**IMFS Website**

The IMFS website has been temporarily deactivated. The membership voted to elect a webmaster separate from the editor of the journal. Tamara Bentley-Caudill was elected unanimously.

### **Discussion of Dues Structure**

Monica Wright proposed changing the dues structure because of the infrequency with which the journal appears. Logan Whalen and other members confirmed that they would be members whether the journal appeared or not. It was decided by vote that we should remove language on the website and membership forms that suggested members should expect the journal as part of membership, although they would still receive copies upon publication. No change to the dues structure was adopted at this time.

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

- Performances of Marie de France, *Milun*
- Roundtable: Marie de France and the Canon
- Animals in Marie de France

**Adjournment**—Mathieu Boyd adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica L. Wright

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Secretary-Treasurer, IMFS