

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the International Marie de France Society
Forty-Fifth International Congress on Medieval Studies
Western Michigan University, May , 2010**

Welcome, Elizabeth Poe, President—The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Beth Poe. The minutes from the 2009 meeting were presented and approved.

Appointment to the Advisory Board of *Le Cygne*—Regula Meyer Evitt was nominated to replace Logan Whalen as he rotated off the Advisory Board. Her nomination was unanimously approved by the membership.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report—In the IMFS account, we currently have \$2328.37. In the Colorado College publication account, we currently have \$2133.40. Out of 76 members, 57 are paid up in dues through the current academic year.

2009 *Le Cygne* Report, Regula Meyer Evitt, Editor

- The editor reports that there has been upheaval at the Colorado College Press and that she is seeking to have the journal printed elsewhere.
- *Le Cygne* is using an independent typesetter at present.
- Volume 5 of the journal (dated 2007) is projected to go to press at the end of May, 2010.
- Volume 6 (2008) will include Ron Cook's article and Glyn Burgess's bibliographical material for studies on Marie de France and is projected to go to press soon after Volume 5.
- Volume 7 (2009) will be the ICLS volume collecting papers presented in Lausanne and Geneva and the Triennial Conference in 2007; it is projected to go to press at the end of the summer or beginning of fall, 2010.
- Volume 8 (2010) will be a volume of translations of scholarly articles.
- Discussion of the volume of translation included the following suggestions: a single volume of translations could be very useful to scholars who are not members of the Society (Poe); translated articles could be spread out and slotted into other volumes as needed (Cochis, Whalen).
- Simonetta Cochis suggested that the journal could produce a volume on performance and Marie de French in light of the success of recent sessions at Kalamazoo involving performance of the *lais*.
- Sarah-Jane Murray proposed a volume on teaching Marie de France, perhaps to be funded by external sources.
- Sherron Lux reminded us of the possibility of having full text articles available through library databases and EBSCO.
- The editor announced that after she sees Volumes 5 and 6 of the journal through the printing process that she will step down as editor.
- The president thanked the editor for all her work, and the report concluded with a round of applause.

Election of New Editor—The president opened up the floor to nominations.

- Monica Wright nominated Sarah-Jane Murray. Regula Meyer Evitt seconded. The membership voted unanimously to approve.

- Dr. Murray will take over for Dr. Evitt after Volumes 5 and 6 appear. Colorado College will print these two volumes and will host the website and the online version of *Le Cygne* until the Society has wishes to make other arrangements.
- Dr. Murray will explore the option of on-demand printing and get quotes from Lightning Source. Keith Eamons will continue to provide typesetting services as needed.
- Dr. Murray expressed eagerness in setting up the possibility of an editorial assistant, perhaps a graduate student or even a “top-flight” undergraduate.
- She also expressed her willingness to usher in a higher profile for the journal, proposing an editorial board composed of well-known names in the field. Dr. Poe recommended asking Howard Bloch.

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

- Performances of *Equitan*
- “Conte, lai fabliau, dit”
- Death by Hot-Tub

Projecting into the future, the following topics were proposed:

- Performance of *Guigemar*, perhaps for 2012, with performers working together
- Sessions that would include any text written in Anglo-Norman

IMFS Website and Logo—Monica Wright unveiled the new logo, which she will have made into an online version and print version by a graphic designer. It was proposed that the Society would take the necessary action to have the old IMFS website removed from VCU’s site and that a new web domain would be used with a redesigned website, using the new logo. The motions passed unanimously.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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