

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the International Marie de France Society  
Fifty-Second International Congress on Medieval Studies  
Western Michigan University, May 13, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Leslie Anderson, Walt Blue, Brittany Claytor, Tamara Bentley Caudill, Simonetta Cochis, Regular Meyer Evitt, Dorothy Gilbert, Robin Hermann, Julie Human, Yvonne LeBlanc, Ed Ouellette, Angela Warner, Andrea Whitacre, Monica Wright

**Welcome, Tamara Bentley-Caudill, President**—The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by the President. The minutes from the 2016 meeting were presented and approved.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

- In the IMFS account, we currently have \$4,818.69.
- Membership is low (less than 50 current). Will send membership forms to all those in arrears and ask that they consider rejoining.
- Lunch at the business meeting is *gratis*. Will add 2-3 vegetarian lunches as an option.
- Mailing costs were a little higher this past year due to more overseas members.
- Ed Ouellette will continue to serve for the next year as the Secretary-Treasurer.

**Editorial Board Member**

- Regula Meyer Evitt self-nominated for Advisory Board, pending approval of membership.
- She is going to reach out to other programs for coordination/cooperation on members/articles, and will prepare a paragraph about the Society for the Graduate Student Newsletter of the Medieval Academy of America, in hopes of generating interest.

**Le Cygne Report, Glyn S. Burgess, Editor**

- Three issues for *Le Cygne* have now been published.
- Goal is to achieve balance between articles submitted on Marie's *Lais* and her other works as well.
- The latest issue (#3) has an updated bibliography of works focusing on Marie.
- The JSTOR process is ongoing. There is a 2-year embargo on issues before they are accessible via JSTOR.
- The MLA-indexing process is being re-initiated. More details at next year's meeting.
- He invites submissions, comments, or queries via email at [af02@live.ac.uk](mailto:af02@live.ac.uk) or [editor@mariedefrance.org](mailto:editor@mariedefrance.org).

**Le Cygne (Special Teaching Edition), Monica Wright**

- Monica Wright invited all of today's presenters (and anyone else interested) to submit articles to her by June 30 for consideration for the upcoming special edition of *Le Cygne*.
- Monica mentioned TEAMS' *The Once and Future Classroom* as another vehicle for these articles and would weigh the benefits to our members and the journal when making the final decision.

**Webmaster's Report, Brittany Claytor**

- The website is [mariedefrance.org](http://mariedefrance.org). The deadline for renewal was missed this year. We are trying to work with GoDaddy, but that has been challenging. We hope to have the issue resolved, with a multi-year renewal in the coming weeks.

**Sessions for Next Year's Congress**—The following session topics were approved for submission, with final titles in October:

- 10 Years of Performing Marie de France: Le Fresne
- Roundtable: Marie and Ovid
- Paper Session: Queering Marie: Encounters of Otherness / Queering Marie: Queries about Otherness
- Simonetta Cochis and Leslie Anderson will provide justifications for these panels to Tamara by May 29.

**Adjournment**—Tamara Bentley Caudill adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Ouellette, Secretary-Treasurer, IMFS