

**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 or 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. 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