

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the International Marie de France Society  
Fiftieth International Congress on Medieval Studies  
Western Michigan University, May 11, 2019**

**Attendees:** Leslie Anderson, Walt Blue, Matthieu Boyd, Tamara Caudill, Simonetta Cochis, Stephanie Coker, Ron Cook, Regula Evitt, Susan Hopkirk, Julie Human, Sharon Lux, Rupert Pickens, Monica Wright

**Welcome, Simonetta Cochis, President**—The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Simonetta Cochis who gave the welcoming remarks. Minutes were accidentally left in Lexington. 2018 Minutes will be approved in 2020, along with the 2019 Minutes.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Tamara Caudill, interim)**

- Tamara Caudill served as interim Secretary for the meeting.
- We are without an official Secretary-Treasurer. Ed Ouellette, who stepped down from the role in 2017, has graciously been handling the finances just enough to keep the Society running. Tamara Caudill has also been assisting with PayPal and some records keeping online.
- In the IMFS account, we currently have \$3756.80.
- Expenses this year included the printing and mailing of *Le Cygne* as well as lunches for the business meeting and a limited number of graduate student bursaries for Kalamazoo last year.
- Dues paying members have steadily decreased over the last few years. Tamara collected memberships in cash and Apple Pay. She also offered to accept checks and Venmo and reminded members of the option to pay online using PayPal.
- Members who are 3 or more years in arrears have been dropped from our rolls.

***Le Cygne* Editor's Report (Glyn Burgess, in absentia)**

- The journal has published 5 consecutive volumes, and a call was made for submissions to volume 6. His report included a table of contents from the last volume.
- All members present had received their copies.

***Le Cygne* Special Teaching Volume Editor's Report (Matthieu Boyd)**

- Matthieu provided an update on the special teaching volume, which will be published under the auspices of *Le Cygne* and not a separate publisher.
- He provided a list of the contributors and their contributions: Matthieu Boyd, Dorothy Gilbert, Robin Hermann, Julie Human, Laurie Postelwaite, and Timmie Vitz.
- If members can get an article to him quickly, they can consider adding another article to the collection; however, this would have to be done very soon.

**JSTOR Update (Tamara Caudill)**

- *Le Cygne* is now available on JSTOR in the collection *Lives of Literature*. This is a very new collection, and it is unlikely that many libraries have a subscription.
- JSTOR is promoting the collection at the Congress, and “Marie de France” is the author they selected to be on the front of their promotional t-shirt (the full list of journals is on the back: we beat out Dante, Petrarch, and Thomas Aquinas, among others).

- Tamara will meet with Anne Ray, JSTOR representative, after the business meeting to discuss the payment schedule from JSTOR. We will receive \$1600 a year, which will help offset the downward trend in our bank account.
- She suggested that the Society use some of these funds to purchase a group membership for the International Marie de France Society to secure access to the journal for our dues paying members. A motion was made and seconded. It was unanimously approved.

### **Kalamazoo 2020 panels (Simonetta Cochis)**

The following panels were approved for proposal for 2020:

- Performances of *Chaitivel*
- Roundtable: Translating Marie de France (proposed by Ron Cook)
- Papers: Domesticity in Marie de France (proposed by Susan Hopkirk/Leslie Anderson)

Rejected panels included:

- Bawdy bodies

### **Elections (Simonetta Cochis)**

- **Secretary-Treasurer:** Regula Meyer Evitt self-nominated for secretary-treasurer. We thank her for having volunteered.
- **Graduate Student Representative:** No graduate students were present.
- **Webmaster:** Tamara Caudill will serve as interim webmaster, since she currently has access to the account.

### **Other Business**

- Tamara Caudill asked about the need for vegetarian meals in 2020. We needed three vegetarian meals in 2019, and none were provided.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:42.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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