

International Marie de France Society Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2020 [9:00-10: am PT//10:00-11:00 am MT//11:00 am -12:00 pm CT//12:00-1:00 pm ET]

MINUTES, Updated May 14, 2021

[1] Welcome – Simonetta Cochis, IMFS President

- Simonetta Cochis, IMFS President, welcomed all to our first IMFS Annual Meeting on Zoom.

[2] Officers' Reports

- Re Evitt, IMFS Secretary-Treasurer, provided brief updates on *Le Cygne* for Glyn Burgess who could not join us. She also presented the Annual Financial Report which included:
 - Review of Annual Budget, discussion of projected Jstor revenue in 2020-21.
 - Discussion of Access to PayPal.
 - Request for contact information updates.
- Tamara Bentley Caudill, IMFS Immediate Past President; IMFS Webmaster
 - Web Page Updates discussion.
 - Online Registration and Dues (member recommendation).
- Simonetta Cochis, IMFS President
 - Explanation of dues amnesty for 2020-21.
 - Individual Membership Outreach discussion; Graduate student outreach discussion.
 - Agreement to revisit strategies when COVID19 restrictions resolve.

[3] Elections – Simonetta Cochis

- Election of officers: Simonetta proposed that because of the exceptional circumstances of the COVID19 pandemic we extend current officer terms for one year.
 - Moved for vote; passed.
- *Le Cygne* Advisory board
 - Editorial readers identified.
- Graduate student representatives
 - Asked for candidate recommendations to be submitted to Secretary-Treasurer (during the summer, if possible).
 - Members asked if we also need to define responsibilities for the graduate student representative and the webmaster.
 - Possible discussion during our next annual meeting.

[4] Proposed Bylaws Changes

- Bylaw changes, as proposed in the meeting agenda, were discussed.
 - Suggestions, additions, revisions added (see Appendix 1 below with changes in red):
 - i. The IMFS Executive Committee recommends that the Editor of *Le Cygne* and the IMFS Webmaster be added to the society's Executive Committee.
 - ii. The IMFS Executive Committee recommends a change in terms for the following elected officers: (See Appendix 1 for details.)
- Moved for vote; passed.

[5] ICMS 2021, Kalamazoo—IMFS Sessions

- Proposal to resubmit 2020 sessions for 2021
 - Moved for vote; passed.

- **Session 1:** Performances of Marie de France: *Chaitivel* // Sponsor: International Marie de France Society // Organizer: Simonetta Cochis, Transylvania Univ. // Presider: Tamara Bentley Caudill, Jacksonville Univ.
 - **Session 2:** "Translating Marie de France: Challenges and Opportunities (A Roundtable)" // Sponsor: International Marie de France Society // Organizer: Ronald Cook, Independent Scholar // Presider: Simonetta Cochis, Transylvania Univ".
 - **Session 3:** "Food and Furnishings: The Domestic in Marie de France // Sponsor: International Marie de France Society // Organizer: Susan Hopkirk, Univ. of Toronto // Presider: Julie Human, Univ. of Kentucky".
- Presenter CVs: Recommendation that session organizers ask for CVs of presenters
 - Member agreement.

APPENDIX 1

REVISED BYLAWS (changes in red text):

ARTICLE IV: Executive and Advisory Committees

Section 1.

a. Executive Committee. The officers of the Society shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and **up to two Graduate Student Representatives**. The elected officers serve for a term of four years. After the first two years, the Vice President shall become President, and the incumbent shall become the Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President shall assist the Executive Committee for two years following his or her term as President. **Up to two Graduate Student Representatives** will serve a **two-year, renewable** term; a change in status from graduate student will not affect the term. **The editor of *Le Cygne* and the society's Webmaster shall be members of the Executive Committee as well.**

b. ***Le Cygne*** Advisory Committee. Composed of the Editor of *Le Cygne*, a minimum of three Editorial Readers, and the society's Webmaster. The readers shall be elected to serve staggered terms. One member shall be elected each year for a term of three years. Editorial Readers shall be individuals whose primary professional or scholarly activities are in fields related to Marie de France studies.

Section 2

a. Terms. Only members in good standing for the last three years or more shall have the right to hold office, or serve on committees of the Society, **with the exception of the graduate student representative(s)**. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time. No member shall serve more than one term consecutively in any office except: **the Editor-in-chief *Le Cygne*, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for renewable terms of three years, and the Secretary-Treasurer and the Webmaster** who shall be re-eligible annually **but whose terms may be renewed indefinitely.**

b. Election of Officers. **Nominations should be made either by email to or in conversation with the Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President may consult with members at large to seek nominations when compiling the list of candidates.** The officers of both committees shall be elected by the members of the organization through an electronic/digital balloting process. The officers' term will begin on the date of the official announcement of their election at the Society annual meeting. A vacancy in any office may be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE V:

F. Statutory agent.

The Statutory Agent will be appointed by the Executive Committee to maintain the corporate address of the Society in the State of Louisiana and to file any and all paperwork with the State. The Statutory Agent will also file the Society's taxes with the Internal Revenue Service and maintain the Society's tax-exempt corporate status. The term that the Statutory Agent will serve shall be agreed upon by the Executive Committee and the Statutory Agent. The current Statutory Agent will notify the State of Louisiana of any transition to a new Statutory Agent. If the Statutory Agent is unavailable to do so, the society's President will notify the State of Louisiana.