

**International Marie de France Society Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 5:00 pm ET [Virtual ICMS]**  
**2021 MEETING MINUTES**

**Officer's Reports**

- Simonetta Cochis welcomed members in attendance (nine members total).
- Re Evitt gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report. (See attached report.)
  - Welcome of five new members: Michael Lysander Angerer, Yoshio Konuma, Catherine Olson, Michele Smith, Robin Wright.
  - Double Jstor revenue (from two years) and unnoted dues (from past years) have increased the society's revenue this year.
    - These are singular incidents. Jstor revenue will continue but at half the revenue in the coming fiscal year.
    - Financial report will be finalized on May 31, 2021, once final fiscal year account balances are achieved.
  - We discussed and approved giving colleagues who paid dues during the COVID dues amnesty year credit for those dues in the coming fiscal year.
  - Reinstatement of dues will take place at the beginning of the coming fiscal year (which begins June 1, 2021). Re Evitt will send dues notices in July-August 2021.
    - Checks welcome, sent to the secretary-treasurer.
    - PayPal payment possible as well (but PayPal charges a fee for processing dues received that way).
    - Re and Tamara will explore making Venmo payment and credit card payment through the IMFS web site possible.
- Tamara Caudill gave the *Le Cygne* report provided by *Le Cygne* editor Glyn Burgess. (See attached report.)
  - Overview of articles published this year and to be published next year.
  - Two journals will come out in the near future: everyone will receive a special second volume this year for Teaching Marie de France, and they can expect their fall 2021 volume in early 2022, as usual.
  - Glyn is seeking further submissions.
    - If you attend conferences where you hear good Marie de France papers, reach out to participants encouraging them to develop and submit for review.

**Election of Officers**

Voting will take place this year in an online ballot before the end of May, so as to include members who could not participate in ICMS this year. Please check your emails for a Qualtrics ballot link during the last week of May.

- Nominations (see below): May 15-20, 2021
- Voting (by Qualtrics ballot online): May 21-26, 2021

Susan Hopkirk has let us know she needs to resign from her position as Vice-President. Since the position of President is difficult to step into without two years of preparation/experience as Vice President. Please see proposed options for president, ballot formation, and election process below.

- **President**
  - Option 1: Simonetta could stay on one more year and mentor a new Vice-President. Potentially difficult to do during COVID.
  - Option 2: Tamara could do one full term (two years) as President and (two years as past-President).

- **Recommendation:** Members present discussed the options. They agreed on **Option 2:** that **Tamara will be placed on the ballot, to be affirmed as our next president by members when we vote for officers online before the end of May.**
- **Vice-President**
  - Tamara, as past-president in charge of nominations, nominated Joe Johnson, Georgetown University, for Vice-President.
  - In addition, we will **solicit further nominations** from colleagues not at ICMS this year by email **in the next week** to include on the ballot
- **Secretary-Treasurer**
  - Re is willing to continue as Secretary-Treasurer for another year and **will be placed on the ballot, to be affirmed to continue in that role by members when we vote for officers online before the end of May.**
- **Advisory Board**
  - Current Advisory Board members include: Les Brook, Matthieu Boyd, Re Evitt.
  - Matthieu Boyd is cycling off. **We'll need to identify a new third Advisory Board member.**
    - Members discussed possible candidates with two nominees surfacing (they remain anonymous until consulted about availability to serve as this is an unelected office).
    - Tamara will reach out to the nominees.
- **Graduate Student Representatives**
  - Tamara will place announcements on graduate student list-servs about nominating or self-nominating to serve as Graduate Student Representative. We welcome nominations and self-nominations for these positions from members as well.
    - **We will identify candidates and ask members for affirmation of Graduate Student Representatives later this summer.**
  - We discussed creating an IMFS conference grant for graduate student representatives to pay for their conference registrations.
    - Graduate student representatives would have their ICMS registration paid for each year of their term (two years).
    - Recommendation to name the award after Chantal Maréchal unanimously approved.

### ICMS 2022, Kalamazoo — IMFS Sessions

We had a lively discussion of session possibilities and agreed to use the format from this year: Papers session; Round Table session; Performance session. ICMS will be online again next year.

Given that the conference will be online again in 2022, members debated whether we should ask for two or three sessions. We agreed not to pursue the traditional paper session because of research challenges for those submitting during the COVID pandemic.

Instead, we agreed to propose two sessions: 1) Roundtable: Marie Online [Organizer: Tamara Caudill]; 2) Performance Session (opened up for a spectrum of modes of performance and texts, live and asynchronous) [Organizer Simonetta Cochis].

### Outreach/Development and approaches).

- Simonetta suggested an undergraduate Interpretation/Translation/Performance Prize (hosted on website).

- Possible first step: have colleagues submit student work from their classes. Tamara will publish on the website.
- If this develops further, consider the process of developing an award to recognize students submitting their work.
- Website Updates/Development
  - We discussed using the IMFS website news feature to promote IMFS conference sessions further.
  - Tamara and Re will work on how to make the online membership application process more transparent.

**Announcements/Other Business**

- No further business. Everyone was at Zoom capacity and we adjourned at 6:15 pm ET.