

**International Courtly Literature Society-NAB, Annual Business Meeting,  
Kalamazoo, MI, 13 May 2010  
Meeting Minutes**

**President Maureen Boulton opened the meeting at 9:05.**

**1. Meeting minutes of the 2009 meeting** at Kalamazoo were approved by unanimous vote.

**2. Elections:**

There were two openings on the Advisory Board. Wendy Pfeffer [French] and Juliann Vitullo were nominated, and elected at the meeting.

There were two nominees for Vice-President: Leslie Zarker-Morgan [Italian] and Albrecht Classen [German]. There were two nominees for Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Callahan [French] and Valerie Wilhite [French and Spanish]. Secretary-Treasurer Joe Sullivan will distribute an email ballot to the membership next week.

As of this meeting, President Maureen Boulton's term ends and Vice President Janina Traxler succeeds as President.

**3. President Boulton reported on MLA 2009 & Kalamazoo 2010 sessions:**

**A. MLA December 2009:**

We organized two sessions for the 2009 MLA Convention in Philadelphia: "Transgression at Court," organized by Albrecht Classen, and "Courtly Display," organized by Maureen Boulton. Although both sessions had good papers and excellent discussions, they were in some ways disappointing: in each session one speaker dropped out—one not long before the meeting, for financial reasons, and the other the night before, for an urgent crisis of unspecified nature. Both were scheduled at unfortunate times: one at 7:00 PM (i.e. dinnertime) and the other on the last day and in the last session slot, when many people had already left. Not surprisingly, the attendance at both sessions was miniscule, with four or five people aside from the speakers and presiders. The MLA sent someone to count attendance at the latter session.

Last spring, Professor Boulton filed the paperwork to renew our affiliation with the MLA, and during the summer she received notification that we were indeed renewed. However, in late December, she received an email message notifying her that we would be guaranteed only one session, and that we could apply for up to two more—if two, one had to be in collaboration with another organization).

At the moment, we have submitted two sessions for the next MLA in January 2011 in Los Angeles. The first session, and our guaranteed session, is "Translations and Adaptations at Medieval Courts," organized by Joe Sullivan. The second session, Courtly Religion," organized by Maureen Boulton, has been applied for. President Boulton submitted this second session under the Convention theme of "narrating lives," but did not manage to collaborate with another organization. (This second session has now also been approved by the MLA.)

B. At Kalamazoo 2010 (i.e. this year) the society had three sessions:

- (1) “The Art and Practice of Music in Medieval Occitania, France, and Beyond: II” (Société Guilhem IX sponsored part “I”) — This was a roundtable presentation organized by Elizabeth Aubrey
- (2) “Courtly Translations,” organized by Chris Callahan
- (3) “Courts in History—History at Court,” organized by Jonathan Boulton

**4. Kalamazoo 2011.** Three proposals were approved to be submitted to the next Congress:

- “Medieval Song: Pronunciation and Performance [a round table]” will be organized by Sam Rosenberg with the assistance of Elizabeth Aubrey.
- “Modern Translations and Re-Translations of Courtly Literature” was suggested by Sam Rosenberg and will be organized by Maureen Boulton.
- “Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my: Animals at Court” will be organized by Joan McRae

**5. MLA 2012:** The proposal “Courtly Values” was approved, and the session will be organized by Albrecht Classen. No proposals were made for a joint or for a non-guaranteed session.

#### **6. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report**

A. Secretary-Treasurer Joe Sullivan presented the annual financial report. He noted that the society’s financial situation is sound. Many members have also taken advantage of the possibility the society offered on a one-time basis in 2010, namely, to pay for three years of dues (i.e. 2010, 2011, and 2012) to mark our 2010 triennial congress in Montréal. Additionally, membership numbers are healthy and show a slight upward trend over the last several years.

B. The Secretary-Treasurer submitted two proposals for changes to our current practices, and both were approved:

- (1) that the society allow the incoming Secretary-Treasurer, if he or she wishes, to use electronic delivery for dues notices. The change would mean a cost savings for the society.
- (2) that the incoming Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to pursue the shift to on-line payment if it seems advantageous. Members would still be able to pay dues by check if they prefer.

**7. *Encomia* Report.** New *Encomia* editor, Logan Whalen, remarked by letter:

“I begin by expressing my deep appreciation to Sam Rosenberg for his continued assistance as I learn the duties of Editor. I will strive to carry on the good work he has done during the past five years and I look forward to working with everyone involved with the publication.

I am thankful for any suggestions of appropriate and newly published books to be reviewed in future volumes of *Encomia*. Please feel to email me your recommendations at my University of Oklahoma email address (lwhalen@ou.edu). Please know that recommending a book for review does not imply in any way an obligation to review it.

The Executive Committee of the ICLS will bring before the General Assembly at the Montreal meeting in July a proposal from AR Editions to move *Encomia* to an online publication. All members who plan to be at the conference are encouraged to attend the meeting.”

**8. Other Business.** The timing of the ICLS-NAB annual business meeting on Thursday night was discussed, because one member remarked on its inconvenience. Several members spoke on the difficulty of finding a different time, and the membership decided not to change the time.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:55.**

**Respectfully submitted 19 May 2010,**

**Joseph M. Sullivan  
Secretary-Treasurer**