

International Society for the Study of Medievalism

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 17th, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Attendees:

- Leah Haught
- Angela Weisl
- Christina De Clerck-Szilagyi
- Valerie Johnson
- Mike Evans
- Kyle Gaydo
- Kevin Moberly (on ad hoc committee for finance)
- Rachael Warmington

1. Approval of Previous Minutes:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with no objections.

2. Conference Update (Angela):

- Options discussed for upcoming conferences:
 - All virtual or all in person at SHU.
 - Hybrid option at MSU
 - MSU offering \$57 per night for conference attendees.
 - Members were asked to volunteer to chair sessions online.
 - Leah, Valerie, and Michael expressed interest in chairing virtual sessions.

3. Reminders:

- **2025 Conference:** Avoid scheduling during major conferences, such as the International Arthurian Society.
- **Kalamazoo (Kzoo) Conference:**
 - Michael inquired about organizing panels for the following year.
- **Event Photos:**
 - A reminder to obtain permission before taking photos at events.

4. Recent Publication (Angela):

- Angela shared the release of *Medievalism in a Global Age*, a collaborative publication featuring contributions from several society members.

5. Finances:

- The finance committee has not yet met.

- No candidates have run for the open finance position.
- The board needs to fill this position before the next business meeting.
 - A listserv message will be sent to solicit interest in the role.
 - Leah will contact Dan about the position.

6. Communications Update:

- Discussion about transitioning the listserv to Google Docs.
 - Ease of moderation explained; no changes to functionality unless we need to lock down for specific reason
 - Giving people an opt out option is easier than opt in
 - New instructions will be uploaded to the website
 - Aim for summer launch, since everyone seemed in favor
- Leah provided a social media update:
 - Rachael explained that we need to avoid bots and harassment in the Facebook.
 - New members who are not added due to verification issues can reach out directly if they believe there was an error.

7. Student Engagement (Kyle):

- Concerns raised about lack of funding for students and the need for jobs outside academia.
- Board discussed creating additional sessions focused on student needs at future conferences.

8. Professionalization Sessions and Opportunities at Conferences:

- Proposal to introduce a professionalization session for students at the conference.
- Rachael suggested adding a publication-focused session for students, which received positive feedback.
- Rachael also inquired about inviting book publishers for future conferences.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM