

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



A REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: KALAMAZOO 1996

In keeping with our emphasis on fostering community among medievalist feminist scholars, both advisory board and membership meetings began with introductions of new advisory board members, of officers, and of all in attendance. To assure continuity, we need nominations for members of the advisory board to serve from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 2000. Members were urged to forward nominations to Maggie Schleissner by September 1.

The board formed two subcommittees: 1) to investigate provision of childcare during the Kalamazoo Congress: Ann Clark Bartlett, Linda Lomperis, and Nydia Rivera-Gloeckner; 2) to review the by-laws: Laine Doggett, Ruth Mazo Karras and Roberta Krueger.

The board decided to pursue affiliation with several other professional societies and in each case named a board member to pursue the matter. Clare Lees will look into affiliation with the American Comparative Literature Society; Paula Gerson with the College Art Association; Sarah Stanbury with the Modern Language Association; and Ruth Mazo Karras and Mary Suydam with the American Historical Association. One goal will be to sponsor sessions at the annual conference of each of these societies. We also agreed to participate, along with SSHMA, in the sponsorship of a conference on homosexualities in the Middle Ages, which is being planned for 1998 at the CUNY Graduate Center. Francesca Canadé Sautman will serve as our representative on the conference planning committee.

As usual, the selection of our sessions for the next Congress aroused much lively discussion and demonstrated the wealth of excellent ideas the membership can generate. Informal discussion continued after the meeting during the open bar.

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The following SMFS sessions have been approved for the May 1997 meetings of the International Congress on Medieval Studies sponsored by the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Interested participants should send an abstract to the organizer by September 15, 1996. Early queries are appreciated.

Our Business Meeting and Cash Bar have also been included in the May meetings. See you there!