The Round Table

NEWS
from the North American Branch

NAB Officers 2002 (for full addresses see Bibliographical Bulletin of the International Arthurian Society [bbias])
- President: Alan Lupack (U of Rochester)
- Immediate Past President: Donald L. Hoffman (Northeastern Illinois U)
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  - Carol Dover (Georgetown U)
  - Elissa R. Henken (U of Georgia)
  - Elizabeth Sklar (Wayne State U)
  - Stephanie Cain V van d’Elden (U of Minnesota)
  - Kevin J. Harty (LaSalle U)
- Bonnie Wheeler, Editor, Arthuriana (Southern Methodist U, ex officio)

IAS Officers 2002 (for full addresses see bbias)
- President: Jane H. M. Taylor (St. Hilda’s College, Oxford U)
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Your bbias Abstracts: President Alan Lupack requests that, for inclusion in the society’s annual bibliography, members please send bibliographic entries and abstracts for articles or books published in 2000 or in 2001 to Daniel Nastali (nastali@aol.com).
Minutes of the Business Meeting of the North American Branch (NAB) of the International Arthurian Society, held on May 3, 2002 at 12:00 noon in Fetzer 1035 (37th International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI):

The meeting was called to order by A. Lupack, presiding. The agenda as published in the Summer 2002 NAB News (Round Table section of Arthuriana 12.2) was approved. The reading of the minutes of the May 4, 2001 Business Meeting (as published in the Fall 2001 Round Table, Arthuriana 11.3) was waived, and the minutes were approved. The president announced that the order of business would diverge from the usual, due to an additional commitment of B. Wheeler.

Report from the editor of Arthuriana: B. Wheeler commented that the U.S. Postal Service's changes in bulk mail requirements have, as the Council of the Editors of Learned Journals notes, created a hardship for all journals. The financial status of Arthuriana remains precarious, though there is no immediate change requested in the Society's contribution. B. Wheeler also noted two upcoming special issues of Arthuriana: 1) Essays on the Prose Lancelot, guest-edited by Carol Dover and 2) Malory's Prose Styles, guest edited by Ann Dobyns and Anne Laskaya. She emphasized that Arthuriana is committed to open issues and she encouraged members to submit independent essays for consideration. She concluded with the notice that, contrary to recent custom, the announcement of the recipient of the 2001 James Randall Leader Prize would take place at the International Congress in Bangor, Wales, in July, 2002, and not at Kalamazoo.

President's Report: A. Lupack conveyed the news from International President Jane Taylor that after many years of excellent service to the Society, Hans Runte would be stepping down as International Treasurer. The president read a short list of the duties of the office and indicated the advisability that the next International Treasurer be a member of the North American Branch. There were suggestions regarding nominations and volunteers; the decision was deferred to the time of the Bangor congress. The president concluded his report with a request for a show of thanks for the work of the NAB secretary-treasurer.

Report from the EAC: E. Sklar announced the nominations from the EAC for the officers for the next three-year term (2003-2005), term to begin December 15, 2002:

- President: Susann Samples (Mt. St. Mary's College)
- Vice President: William W. Kibler (U of Texas)
- Advisory Committee: Romance Languages: Peggy McCracken (U of Michigan); English: Kathleen Kelly (Northeastern U); Germanic: David Johnson (Florida State U); Canada: James Noble (U of New Brunswick); Post Medieval: Charlotte A. Wulf (Villa Julie C).

It was moved and seconded to accept the nominations. Nominations from the floor were opened. For the position of VP, Kevin Harty (LaSalle U) and Martin B. Shichtman (Eastern Michigan U) were nominated. This round of nominations was
closed. Further nominations could be made from the floor of the Bangor Congress or in writing by Sept. 15, 2002; petitions with the signed approval of at least ten members to be received in writing (hard-copy—no electronic submissions) by the NAB Sec.-Treas. by Sept. 15.

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Following an expression of appreciation for the show of thanks, J. Blacker gave a summary of the Financial Statement from April 18, 2001-April 26, 2002, as reported earlier that morning to the EAC. The statement was approved.

In D. Nastali’s absence, no bibliography report was made.

Kalamazoo 2003, NAB Sessions: Four sessions were approved by the membership following proposals and debate: 1) Arthurian Illustration, organizer D. Hoffman; 2) Political Uses of the Arthurian Legend, organizer J. Hall McCash; 3) Truth, Suspicion, and Guilt in Arthurian Literature, organizer F. Ackerman; and 4) Arthurian Comedy, organizer J. Grimbert, in conjunction with the Film Festival, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, with commentary by K. Harty.

New Business: D. Hoffman proposed a policy change which would allow the organizers of NAB-sponsored sessions to dedicate sessions ‘in honor of’ (or ‘to the memory of’) following the approval of the session by the voting body. The proposal was approved, but reservations followed and the subject was reopened. Following a debate on the merits and drawbacks of the proposed policy change, there was a vote to restrict the NAB from sponsoring honorary or memorial sessions. That counter-proposal was voted down by a 3-to-1 margin, and the body elected to maintain the current policy of approving sessions, then approving the dedication, on a case-by-case basis.

Following an expression of thanks from S. Samples, and the body, to A. Lupack for his excellent service as President, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Blacker, Secretary-Treasurer IAS/NAB

Minutes of the North American Branch of the International Arthurian Society Business meeting on July 23, 2002, at 4:15 p.m. in Bangor, Wales:

The meeting was called to order by A. Lupack, presiding.

Report from the editor of bbias: K. Busby reported that vol. 53 for the year 2001 was currently at press, and that it would contain as well a corrected copy of the table of contents of vol. 52. He stated that vol. 54 would be his last. At the International Committee meeting, it was suggested that, in order to increase the account used to subsidize attendance of students and Eastern European members at international meetings, a $1.00 surcharge be added to the cost of bbias to each individual branch [NB: no increase in dues for NAB].
Report from the Nominating Committee: On behalf of the nominating committee (E. Sklar, N. Lacy, and M. Salda), E. Sklar restated the slate of nominations announced in May at Kalamazoo (see Minutes above). She reported that the committee decided to defer nominating a candidate to fill the Celtic position on the Advisory Committee, but that the nomination could take place from the floor.

Nominations: A. Lupack reiterated the two nominations for Vice President made from the floor at Kalamazoo: K. Harty and M. Shichtman. Subsequent to that reiteration, M. Shichtman withdrew his candidacy. Chris Grooms (Collin County Community C) was nominated for the Celtic position, and he accepted. There were no other nominations from the floor. J. Blacker announced a one-time extension of the Sept. 1, 2002 deadline to Sept. 15, 2002, for any additional nominations by petition, with the proviso that they arrive in hard-copy (not by e-mail) on or before Sept. 15; petitions must have the signed approval of ten members in good standing. After Sept. 15, 2002, nominations will be closed. The ballot will be sent to members in October.

Themes for the next IAS International Congress (2005): A. Lupack reported that the International Presidents determined that each branch would suggest one or two ideas to K. Busby, who with B. Besamusca, would arrive at six nominations to be made from the floor of the General Meeting. The two themes approved by the body were 'Interface between Non-Arthurian and Arthurian Literature' and 'Imaging Arthur.'

Report from the Editor of Arthuriana: B. Wheeler announced that the recipient of the 2001 James Randall Leader Prize is Karen Cherewatuk for her article, 'Born-Again Virgins and Holy Bastards: Bors and Elyne and Lancelot and Galahad,' which appeared in Arthuriana 11.2 (Summer 2001).

New Business: A. Lupack announced that the next International Congress would be in Utrecht, the Netherlands, hosted by Bart Besamusca, and that Frank Brandsma (U of Utrecht) has been appointed the new editor of b bias, effective for vol. 55 (for 2003, to be published in 2004). Lupack also announced two nominations for the slate of international officers: Maria Colombo Timelli (U di Milano) to the post of International Secretary and Joan Tasker Grimbert (Catholic U of America) to the post of International Treasurer.

Collection for Congress Organizers: A. Lupack suggested that the members present offer a contribution toward an expression of appreciation for the congress organizers and support staff.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Blacker, Secretary-Treasurer IAS/NAB

World Wide Web Sites and List: Members of the NAB of the IAS are reminded of three important electronic sites: the International Medieval Congress at
Kalamazoo: <http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress>; Arthuriana, the official journal of the NAB: <http://www.dcs.smu.org/Arthuriana/>; and Arthurnet, an electronic discussion group for scholars and students of Arthurian subjects from the early Middle Ages to the modern moment sponsored by Arthuriana. Scholars in all fields of inquiry from literature and history to mythology and philosophy—and in the several languages pertinent to the Arthurian story—are invited to participate in this open list. There is a moderated line in the list to allow more structured conversation for those who wish to engage in it. Details of the moderated list are broadcast on-line. Any scholar willing to act as a discussion moderator is asked to contact Arthuriana Assist. Editor Judy Shoaf (jshoaf@clas.ufl.edu) with potential topics and timetables. Each moderator will be asked to prepare a summary article about the topic line (crediting appropriate participants) for publication in the Round Table section of Arthuriana. To subscribe, send the command 'sub arthurnet [your name]' to listserv@morgan.ucs.mun.ca as an e-mail message.

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