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Greetings Colleagues in Medieval Studies!

The ice is finally melted on Lake Sagatagan, here at Saint John's University, although it snowed only four days ago! We do believe that Spring is on the way, but it may take a while yet. This is my first offering as editor of Nuntia, which had thrived for several years under the care of Peter Goodrich. The past year has been quite busy for the Association, with the conference in Terre Haute (October 2007), a new website, and an increased presence at professional conferences. Be sure to check the sessions at Kalamazoo and come to the MAM business meeting on Thursday evening. If you have news for the next newsletter or the website, please forward it to me at the earliest opportunity at mheintzelma@csbsju.edu

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New Website for the Medieval Association of the Midwest

MAM has a new website with lots of information about the society, including the list of officers (with contact information), Constitution, Nuntia, Enarratio, Calls for Papers, a membership form, and other useful information. Please visit the website and pass on ideas for content to:

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<http://employees.csbsju.edu/mheintzelman/MAM/mamindex.htm>

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THURSDAY	
<p>10:00 Session 46 Bernhard 213</p>	<p>(R)Evolutions in Romance: Changes in Culture and Genre from Chaucer to Shakespeare Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Mickey Sweeney, Dominican Univ. Presider: Edward L. Ridsen, St. Norbert College</p> <p>Fifteenth-Century Romance: <i>Eneas and Alexander</i>. Nicole Clifton, Northern Illinois Univ. Adapting Degrevant: The Findern Manuscript and Household Romance. Myra J. Seaman, College of Charleston Realizing Romance: The Effects of Genre in <i>Troilus and Cressida</i>. Alexandra G. Bennett, Northern Illinois Univ. Revisionist Romance? From Chaucer to Shakespeare. Mickey Sweeney</p>
<p>12:00 noon Bernhard President's Dining Room</p>	<p>Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Executive Council Meeting</p>
<p>1:30 Session 50 Valley III Stinson Lounge</p>	<p>Masculinity in Middle English Romances Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Harriet Hudson, Indiana State Univ. Presider: Harriet Hudson</p> <p>Masculinity in the Middle English Wars of Alexander. Michael Calabrese, California State Univ.–Los Angeles “Him stondes well that god childe strenes”: Masculine Self-Identity and the Crisis of Infertility in Middle English Romances. Rachel Moss, Univ. of York Castles and Grazing: The Geometry of Masculinity in Malory. Molly A. Martin, McNeese State Univ. Discursive Fear: Constructing Masculinity in <i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i>. Alexandra Cook, Univ. of Alabama</p>
<p>3:30 Session 118 Fetzer 1035</p>	<p>Static and Shifting Landscapes in Medieval Literature, Art, and Thought Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Cynthia Z. Valk, Vincennes Univ., and Robert A. Benson, Ball State Univ. Presider: Karen Moranski, Univ. of Illinois–Springfield</p> <p>Victorian Medieval Landscapes: Visions of Heaven and Hell. Thomas J. Hoberg, Northeastern Illinois Univ. An Expanding Arena: Golf's Early Development into an Eager Landscape. Steven M. Burrows, Ball State Univ., and Casey R. McArdle, Ball State Univ. A Further Investigation of Medieval Landscapes in Bram Stoker's <i>Dracula</i>. Cynthia Z. Valk and Robert A. Benson</p>
<p>6:00 p.m. Bernhard 107</p>	<p>Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Business Meeting and Reception with open bar</p>
FRIDAY	
<p>10:00 Session 206 Fetzer 1035</p>	<p>Costume in Medieval Literature, including Chaucer Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Laura F. Hodges, Independent Scholar Presider: Laura F. Hodges</p> <p>Alison's “Coler” Continued: Bringing the Visual Evidence to the Literary Problem. Robin Netherton, DISTAFF Jean de Meun's Glad Rags on the Rack: Missing Fortune's Sartorial Opportunities. Laurel Broughton, Univ. of Vermont Do Clothes Make the “Vilain”?: A Reconsideration of the “Herdsman's” Costume in Chrétien de Troyes's <i>Yvain</i>. Lorraine Kochanske Stock, Univ. of Houston</p>

<p>1:30 Session 293 Bernhard 210</p>	<p>Prayer in the Middle Ages Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Susann T. Samples, Mount St. Mary's Univ. Presider: Susann T. Samples</p> <p><i>Recordare Iesu pie quod sum causa tuae viae: Intimacy, Impertinence, and Impropiety in Medieval Latin Hymns.</i> Leslie G. Cahoon, Gettysburg College Aquinas: Prayer as a Rational Act. Michael R. Miller, Mount St. Mary's Univ. <i>lc bidde þe: Anglo-Saxon Teachings on Prayer.</i> Stephanie Clark, Univ. of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign Out of Darkness: The Middle English Doctrine of the Heart in the Late Medieval Devotional Landscape. Denis Renevey, Univ. of Lausanne</p>
SATURDAY	
<p>10:00 Session 374 Fetzer 2020</p>	<p>Teaching Medieval Studies to Non-majors Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Gael Grossman, Jamestown Community College Presider: Emmett Gibson, Jamestown Community College</p> <p>Putting the Evil in Medieval and Other Adventures: Chaucer, Dante, and Aquinas in Newberry. Warren S. Moore III, Newberry College “Tremendous Noise and Flash of Fire”: The Intersection of Technology and Relevance in Teaching Medieval Literature to Non-majors. Dwayne C. Coleman, Univ. of Central Arkansas Flavors of the Past: Using Popular Culture and Young Adult Fiction to Introduce Different Periods. Gael Grossman</p>
SUNDAY	
<p>8:30 Session 524 Fetzer 1005</p>	<p>Teaching the Mystics Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Christopher Roman, Kent State Univ.–Tuscarawas Presider: Christopher Roman</p> <p>Teaching Mystics in Undergraduate Medieval Studies Courses: The Case of Hildegard of Bingen. William F. Hodapp, College of St. Scholastica “But Julian of Norwich said Jesus is a girl!”: Teaching the Mystics at a Conservative Protestant University. Carol Blessing, Point Loma Nazarene Univ. Julian of Norwich: A Problem-Based Approach. Lisa Lettau, Univ. of Delaware “It is all that is made”: Teaching Julian of Norwich and the <i>Cloud</i> Author. Justin A. Jackson, Hillsdale College</p>
<p>10:30 Session 558 Valley II 200</p>	<p>The Wee Folk: Folklore and Fairytale in the Middle Ages Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Karen Moranski, Univ. of Illinois–Springfield Presider: Cynthia Z. Valk, Vincennes Univ.</p> <p>“They are fairies; he that speaks to them shall die”: Speech and Silence in Medieval Fairy Narratives. Lisa L. Spangenberg, Univ. of California–Los Angeles Changing Views of Fairyland: Exploring Folklore Genres and Motifs in Medieval and Early Modern Chronicles and Natural Histories. Samantha Meigs, Univ. of Indianapolis Rosemary Sutcliff’s “Dark People”. Karen Moranski</p>

NOTE: Session proposals for Kalamazoo 2009 will need to be submitted to the MAM Convener of Conferences promptly, since the deadline comes right after the Congress ends.

Conference Report

Medieval Association of the Midwest in Terre Haute, Indiana (October 2007)

MAM's 23rd annual conference was held October 19 and 20 at Indiana State University, hosted by Harriet Hudson. Over fifty participants converged in Terre Haute for two full days of sessions on topics ranging from *Knightriders* to German drama to Roman religion. As usual, Chaucer studies were well represented, but there was also strong representation from Iberian studies, and many papers on chivalry, the general theme of the conference. The program featured plenary addresses by Russell Peck on Ymaginatif and the staging of ideas in medieval literature, and Bonnie Wheeler on submissive bodies in *El Cid* and the *Morte Darthur*. In addition, the speakers collaborated in a panel discussion on coming of age in the *Morte* and other romances. Thanks to everyone for making the conference such a success-- the quality of the presentations and the collegiality and insight of the discussions was outstanding.



Future Conferences / Calls for Papers

Medieval Association of the Midwest – September 26-27, 2008



North Dakota State University

Deadline for papers or sessions: July 1, 2008

Organizer: Carlos Hawley

e-mail: carlos.hawley@ndsu.edu

Our keynote speaker will be Barbara Weissberger, of the University of Minnesota, and author of *Isabel Rules: Constructing Queenship, Wielding Power*. Also Juanita Garcigodoy of Macalester College and NDSU's own Ron Ramsay from the Department of Architecture will be delivering plenary lectures.

**Midwest Modern Language Association – Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 13-16, 2008**

<p>The Medieval Association of the Midwest is sponsoring three sessions at the November convention under the general theme "Famous & Infamous: Medieval Punishments, Penance, and Rewards." Proposal deadline was April 15, 2008. For more information about MAM at the MMLA, contact:</p>	<p>William F. Hodapp Professor and Chair English Department The College of St. Scholastica 1200 Kenwood Avenue Duluth, MN 55811-4199 218-723-5947 / whodapp@css.edu</p>
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***Enarratio* (PMAM)**

Enarratio: Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest is still soliciting submissions for volume 13. EPMAM is a refereed annual journal using MLA documentation style and dedicated to scholarship on the Middle Ages. Articles may (but do not have to) be based on conference papers given in MAM-sponsored conference sessions. Book reviews are also welcome.

For further information or to make submissions (in three copies), you are invited to contact

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If a submission is accepted but there is insufficient space in volume 13, it will automatically be carried over to volume 14.

MAM Professional News

Have you recently finished a dissertation, book, or other major project? Are you looking for contributors or help on a project? To announce your latest publications and projects in *Nuntia*, please supply the following information:

- Member name, Institution
- Title of publication OR focus of project
- Short summary or description (optional)

by e-mail to, or in hard copy to Prof. Ed Riden (edward.risden@snc.edu), Department of English, Saint Norbert College.

MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST

MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING

**Thursday, May 10, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

**Bernhard Center 205
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Present: Kristie Bixby, Peter Goodrich, Gael Grossman, Carlos Hawley, Matthew Heintzelman, Harriet Hudson, Timothy Jordan, Carol Lind, Ed Lind, Areli Marina, Nick Nichols, Mary Olson, Abraham Quintanar, Edward Riden, Catherine Rock, Mickey Sweeney

Mr. Goodrich convened the meeting at 6:13 p.m. in Bernhard Center 205 on the Western Michigan University campus.

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Goodrich presented the business meeting minutes of May 4, 2006. It was moved and seconded (Colón/Lind) to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.
- II. **Report of the President** – Mr. Goodrich welcomed members. He noted that long-time member Christopher Kleinhenz is retiring and has received a number of honors this past year, including being plenary speaker on Saturday morning of the Kalamazoo congress as well as receiving the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Hilldale Award in Arts and Humanities for 206, which annually recognizes excellence in teaching, research, and service. He was also presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Teachers of Italian for 2006 at the conference in Genoa (Italy) and received the 2006 ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in Philadelphia in December. He is currently completing work (with Andrea Dini) on a volume on *Approaches to Teaching Petrarch and Petrarchism* for the Modern Language Association. Mr. Goodrich complimented Mr. Kleinhenz on his fine work.

Mr. Goodrich thanked several individuals:

- Nick Haydock for organizing the successful MAM conference in Puerto Rico, January 12 and 13, 2007.
 - Ms. Valk for continuing to do outstanding work in organizing MAM sessions for the Kalamazoo congress and M/MLA convention.
 - Kristen Figg for a fine issue of *PMAM* Twelve.
 - Toni Morris for providing an excellent role model as president last year.
 - Kristie Bixby for her continuing secretarial service.
 - Councillors Nickolas Haydock, Matthew Heintzelman, and Patricia Hollahan, whose term ends this year.
- III. **Report of the Executive Secretary** – Ms. Bixby shared the financial statement for May 1, 2006, to April 30, 2007. MAM's beginning operating account balance, May 1, 2006, was \$9,530.11. Revenue from MAM memberships for the year totaled \$1,560. Expenditures of \$8,847.84 included the following: \$2,864.10 for Volume Twelve of *PMAM*, \$250 *Nuntia* subvention, \$350 Convener of Conferences subvention, \$131.19 prepayment for the 2007 council meeting lunch at Kalamazoo, \$252.55 prepayment for the 2007 business meeting reception at Kalamazoo, and \$5,000 moved from operating funds to the certificate of deposit. The ending balance in the operating account on April 30, 2007, was \$2,242.27. MAM's invested funds in a Bank of America certificate of deposit beginning May 1, 2006, totaled \$20,302.90. Interest of \$851.14 for the year plus a transfer of \$5,000 from the operating account on April 18, 2007, brings the ending balance of invested funds on April 30, 2007, to \$26,154.04. The financial statement was approved.

A motion was made and seconded (Hudson/Colón) to discuss the election of officers before moving on to other agenda items. Passed unanimously.

- IV. **Report of the Editor of *Nuntia* / New Editor for *Nuntia*** – Mr. Goodrich reported that the latest issue of *Nuntia* is a double issue—Fall 2006–Spring 2007—Volume XXX, Number Two and Volume XXXI, Number One. This issue was sent electronically and is also being sent by postal mail. Extra issues can be found on the *SMART* table in the exhibits area.

Mr. Goodrich announced that Matthew Heintzelman has offered to take over *Nuntia* and MAM website responsibilities. This was unanimously endorsed by council members. In addition, Mr. Riden volunteered to take over Ms. Figg's duties of soliciting information for *Nuntia*'s Professional News section, which provides information on recently finished dissertations, books, or other major projects, and assists with securing contributors or help on projects. Mr. Riden will gather information using the updated MAM e-mail list and soliciting information at the fall MAM conference in Terre Haute.

- V. **Report of the Convener of Conferences** – Ms. Valk was unable to attend the congress this year due to a long-prearranged trip, but she reported eight sessions at this year's congress and has submitted eight proposals for the 2008 congress. Mr. Goodrich will verify that the Medieval Institute has received the proposals. A slight misunderstanding of the institute's policy regarding organizations being limited to a set number of sessions has been corrected; rather, the institute is still vetting each and every session, and there is no set number. Proposals for each session must include a rationale—what the session is about and why it is worth doing. For the M/MLA convention at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland, November 8–11, 2007, MAM will be sponsoring one session: "Narrating the Real and the Sur-Real in Medieval

Literature.” Abstracts should be sent to Cynthia Valk at valac@comcast.net. Convention details can be found on the M/MLA website: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~mmla/>.

Both sessions at last year’s M/MLA convention at the Palmer House in Chicago went well; M/MLA still proves to be a good venue for MAM to make an appearance.

Ms. Valk will accept proposals for MAM sessions at future M/MLA convention and Kalamazoo congress events any time. Proposals that are not put on the program will be carried over to future years; however, an important and necessary factor is a commitment of the proposer to follow through with the suggested proposal. Ms. Valk has requested a more stable, predictable way to propose sessions, perhaps establishing a timeline. It was suggested that a list of proposals and rationales be provided for the council to review ahead of time, either at the fall MAM conference or at the Kalamazoo council meeting. It was suggested also that Ms. Valk send an e-mail reminding folks of the need for sessions and the time frame, and that a reminder be included in *Nuntia*, where links to various sites could also be provided.

- VI. **Report on the Publications / Increasing Submissions / Proposal for Renaming PMAM** – Ms. Figg reported that Volume Twelve of *PMAM* has been published and sent to members who paid dues for 2006. Volume Thirteen is being edited by Mel Storm. Ms. Figg expressed concern about Volume Twelve being late and still a year behind schedule, attributing this primarily to not receiving enough quality submissions in a timely fashion. She proposed that an electronic version of the journal be provided in addition to hard copy, which might provide greater exposure. Positive discussion ensued about making the journal available electronically, particularly since it is indexed by MLA and ITER. Mr. Ridsen inquired about the possibility of submitting a plenary talk as an article. Ms. Figg suggested a competition for the best paper submitted, as is practiced by some journals.

Mr. Goodrich shared a memorandum from Mr. Hodapp who has proposed that *PMAM* be renamed *Enarratio: Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest*. In the memorandum, Mr. Hodapp mentioned that some years ago at a council meeting (2001 perhaps), the then editors of *PMAM* (Karen Moranski and Mel Storm) suggested that MAM consider a name change for the journal in order to increase its profile and recognition. At the time, Mr. Hodapp jokingly proposed “HWAET,” which was properly dismissed as being too tied to Anglo-Saxon studies (i.e., not appropriate for an organization seeking to draw in scholars from all disciplines within medieval studies). Though nothing was settled at the time, Mr. Hodapp noted that the issue of the journal’s name has occasionally come up in conversation since that first discussion, and he has proposed the change, if MAM is still interested. For meaning and recognition, changing the name offers the following: (1) it provides a short title option for quick recognition much like *Viator* or *Comitatus* (both of which have a longer complete title, e.g., *Comitatus: A Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies*); (2) the term *Enarratio* is, of course, Latin, which, as the lingua franca of the European Middle Ages, avoids the narrowing implications a vernacular title like HWAET suggests; that is, as a Latin term, it offers a broader appeal to scholars than a vernacular term could; and (3) *Enarratio* means literally “from the *narratio*”: drawing on Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and Augustine, Martin Irvine notes (in “The Making of Textual Culture: ‘Grammatica’ and Literary Theory, 350–1100,” *Cambridge Studies in Medieval Literature* 19 [Cambridge, Cambridge UP, 1994], 244) that “a text . . . requires interpretation and that interpretation will always take the form of another or supplementary text”—thus the medieval term *enarratio*, as written commentary and interpretation, seems a particularly appropriate descriptor for what we do as medievalists when writing about medieval phenomena and “texts,” broadly understood (poetry, documents, architecture, art, music, liturgy, science, etc.).

Some concerns expressed were the possibility of people not being able to find the journal if it was renamed and that the change in ISSN number would require submitting a title change and involve two catalog records instead of one. However, it was also felt that a publication named for an organization appears less important and has less status, and that a name change may increase the journal’s profile and recognition. It was moved and seconded (Heintzelman/ Colón) to change the name of *PMAM* to *Enarratio: Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest (EPMAM)*. Passed unanimously. Mr. Colón inquired about a new cover design. He mentioned that his wife is a graphic designer, and he volunteered to work with the editors in investigating a new logo design for the journal.

- VII. **Report on the 2006 MAM Conference at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez** – Mr. Goodrich thanked Nick Haydock for organizing the successful MAM conference at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez, January 12 and 13, 2007. The conference included excellent plenary talks by Jonathan Wilcox, Chair of the Department of English at University of Iowa, who spoke on “Emotions in Old English,” particularly blushing and winking; Ed Ridsen of St. Norbert’s College, who spoke on “Medieval Romance”; and Borje Vahamaki of the University of Toronto, who spoke on “The Kalevala as Medieval Oral Poetry.” Plenty of sunshine was had by all!

VIII. **Report on the 2007 MAM Conference** – Ms. Hudson reported that plans for the 2007 MAM conference are underway at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, with funding support from the Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Department of English. She expressed her concern about the possibility that the new downtown hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, may not be ready in time for the conference. However, this 23rd annual conference is still scheduled for October 19 and 20, with plenary speakers Russell Peck from the University of Rochester and Bonnie Wheeler from Southern Methodist University. The conference theme will be chivalry, but papers on all aspects of medieval studies are welcomed. Deadline for submission of abstracts is August 1, 2007. Further information may be obtained from Harriet Hudson, Department of English, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809 (hhudson@isugw.indstate.edu). Ms. Hudson sent a call for papers to English departments and colleges and universities in a five-state area and already has received responses from people proposing sessions. The call for papers is also posted on both the MAM website and the English department website. She suggested that participants fly into Indianapolis, which is about 60 miles by car or cab from Terre Haute. She hopes to have limited transportation/van service. Ms. Hudson suggested that participants consider refining their talks into articles for *EPMAM*.

IX. **Discussion of Invitations for Future MAM Conferences / MAM Conference Guidelines** – Mr. Goodrich reminded council members of last year’s motion relative to members wishing to host the MAM conference that was approved by the membership: **“Members who wish to host the annual conference of the Medieval Association of the Midwest should make their wishes known by a letter to the MAM Council that will be presented at the MAM business meeting. The offer should be made two years prior to the year in which the member’s institution wishes to hold the conference. Offers may then be considered and voted on at the annual business meeting.”**

Carlos Hawley Colón has offered to host the MAM conference in 2008 at North Dakota State University in Fargo, perhaps with help from the University of Minnesota Moorhead. He will provide a written letter of affirmation.

Mr. Goodrich invited proposals for 2009. There were none at this time.

Ms. Bixby distributed the draft MAM Conference Guidelines, which were adapted from those recently developed for the Committee on Centers and Regional Associations (CARA) based on Arizona State University guidelines. She invited input. At the council meeting, Ms. Hudson agreed to put together some figures from this coming year’s conference to complete the estimated budget portion of the draft document.

X. **Discussion of MAM Membership** – Ms. Bixby shared information on previous years’ membership. In **2005**, memberships totaled **221** (including 14 libraries and centers, 48 students, and 13 emeritus faculty), which was 16 more than the total for 2004 and included 18 new VMU student memberships, compliments of Paul E. Szarmach. A January 2006 solicitation was mailed to 504 selected individuals from the MAM database—which included individuals in MAM-sponsored M/MLA convention, MAM conference, and Kalamazoo congress sessions who had not paid dues—and an October 2006 solicitation was mailed to the Medieval Academy’s Committee on Centers and Regional Associations (CARA). Paid memberships for **2006** totaled **129** (including 8 libraries and centers, 24 students, and 9 emeritus faculty). A very large 2006–07 solicitation was mailed in April 2007 to approximately 700 individuals in the MAM database, following an extensive web search for current addresses. This mailing was also sent to those individuals participating in MAM sessions at the MAM conference in Puerto Rico, M/MLA convention, and Kalamazoo congress, who, as participants, are required to be members. To date, paid memberships for **2007** total **31**. However, many more dues payments are anticipated in the forthcoming months, hopefully reaching at least last year’s totals. Ms. Bixby’s plan is to apply forthcoming dues payments to 2006, in order for members to receive *PMAM* Volume Twelve, and then send another strictly 2007 solicitation in the fall of 2007. Since 2004, there have been nine requests for the special membership offer of three years plus all back issues.

Mr. Ridsen emphasized that, in addition to soliciting individuals, centers, and regional associations, the most effective means of solicitation is word of mouth.

XI. **Election of New Officers** – The following slate of council members for 2007–08 was presented for discussion.

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| President | - | Karen Moranski (traditionally previous Vice President) |
| Past President | - | Peter Goodrich |
| Vice President | - | Nickolas Haydock (traditionally organizer of previous MAM conference) |
| Executive Secretary | - | Kristie Bixby |

It was moved and seconded (Hudson/Jordan) to approve this initial slate of officers. Approved unanimously.

Following discussion, Abraham Quintanar, Annette Murrow, and David Sprunger were nominated as replacements for Nickolas Haydock, Matthew Heintzeman, and Patricia Hollahan, whose term ends in 2007. It was moved and seconded (Colón/Hudson) to accept this recommendation by acclamation.

Those councillors whose terms will continue include the following: Leslie Cavell, Carlos Hawley Colón, and William Hodapp (term ending 2008); Harriet Hudson, Edward Ridsen, and Mickey Sweeney (term ending 2009).

Mr. Ridsen emphasized that it is important for councillors to attend the MAM conference in the fall, and the Kalamazoo congress in the spring.

- XII. **New Business–Future of MAM / Reconsidering MAM Governance** – Mr. Goodrich brought forth the following restructuring proposal from the council and a brief rationale, explaining that following the death of Robert Kindrick, a central figure in maintaining MAM’s finances and providing the organization with an institutional home, the new generation of MAM members must now look out for themselves. In lieu of someone to sponsor the organization, it is time for MAM to take responsibility for itself, share the duties, and establish, in the presidency, the strong focus of continuity that was originally envisioned. It was decided at the council meeting that these changes, if approved, would go into effect next year (2008), allowing Ms. Moranski to serve her one-year term this coming year and electing a president for three years at next year’s MAM meeting in Kalamazoo to coincide with the three-year election of the executive secretary.

Given MAM’s currently solid financial footing, the MAM Executive Council would be restructured as follows:

- Combine the Executive Secretary and Associate Executive Secretary positions into one Executive Secretary position, retaining the current three–year term. This officer would be responsible for both secretarial and treasurer functions, as currently administered by Ms. Bixby.
- Expand the office of President from a one- year to a three-year term, conferring upon it the leadership roles now effectively shared between the Executive Secretary and President. The President would be able to co-sign with the Executive Secretary on MAM financial accounts.
- Retain the position of Past President, an honorary role, also carrying a three-year term, to provide advisory duties at MAM meetings.
- Retain the current one-year term for Vice President, who would continue to be the previous year’s annual conference organizer. This individual would not succeed to the Presidency or Executive Secretary positions unless s/he accepted a nomination and was elected at the regular three-year interval. This would give MAM a minimum of three possible candidates for President at each presidential election.
- Appoint the Editor of *Nuntia* and MAM webmaster by a majority vote of the MAM Executive Council.
- Eliminate the Membership Committee as a separate body, since it is made up entirely of Councilors, and membership issues are sufficiently discussed in the MAM Executive Council and Business meetings.
- Retain other officers and terms as defined in the constitution.

A motion (Colón/Hudson) to approve all of the amendments as outlined, with a confirming vote before next year’s election of new officers at Kalamazoo, was passed unanimously.

- XIII. **Other** – There was no other business.

A motion (Colón/Hudson) to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie A. Bixby
Executive Secretary

Membership

THE MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST is an interdisciplinary association of medievalists in the Midwest founded to promote the study, criticism, research, and exchange of ideas related to all aspects of the medieval period and to articulate the specific needs of medievalists in the Midwest. Membership benefits include a biannual newsletter, a Conference in the fall and sections at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo and at the Midwest Modern Language Association and an annual *Publications* volume. Its website is <http://employees.csbsju.edu/mheintzelman/mam/mamindex.htm>.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in medieval studies. Dues for the calendar year are \$25 (and just \$10 for graduate students and emeriti). To join the Association, please print and complete the form below and mail it with dues payment to [Kristie Bixby, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67260-0013](mailto:Kristie.Bixby@wichita.edu); for information about membership and MAM subscriptions, email Kristie.bixby@wichita.edu.

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Enclosed are my calendar year 2006 dues (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> regular <input type="checkbox"/> graduate student/emeritus

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