Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the American Boccaccio Association was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 29, 1996, with Michael Sherberg, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, presiding.

Prof. Sherberg began by reviewing the Association's financial situation. As of December 23 the Association had $1222.35 in its bank account, of which $435.00 consisted of contributions toward publication of the Lectura Boccaccii series. Prof. Sherberg announced that negotiations are ongoing for publication of volumes one and two of the series, and that further information should be forthcoming.

Following these announcements, three papers were presented: "Boccaccio’s and Jeanne Flore’s Nastagio: A Translation?", by Marcel Tetel, Duke Univ.; "San’ Ciappelletto: Il linguaggio della burla tra parodia e culto dei santi," by Cristina Fordyce, Boston Coll.; and "Il Filostrato: Boccaccio’s Response to the Vita Nuova?", by Fabian Alfie, Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. A question-and-answer period followed the presentations.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.
Members Report Activities

Michaela Paasche Grudin (Lewis & Clark College) is working on an article entitled "Ciappelletto and Griselda: The Diagnostics of Satire."

H. Wayne Storey (Fordham Univ.) is researching Boccaccio's transcriptions of Petrarch's poetic works; the study is entitled "Petrarch's Voice in Boccaccio's Hand."

Recent Conferences


"Il cinghiale che mangia il cuore: Il sogno di Troiolo in Filostrato 7, 23-24," Corrado Corradini, UNC-Chapel Hill

Decameron Web Newsletter

The Internet now hosts a "Decameron Web Newsletter," originating at Brown Univ. and dedicated to information sharing about the Decameron. As of September, 1996, the website had logged over 6000 visitors with more than 100 guestbook "entries," and it has garnered its share of praise: "The broad context in which you place the Decameron provides much helpful information for students and scholars"; "Very nice project: well produced and easy to access as well as very informative"; "Made my day finding this site. Very very good." Plans for spring call for the site to increase both the number of its texts and the quality of scholarship. Additional information about the nature of the project and its raison d'être may be obtained at the site. Here's the address: www.brown.edu/Departments/Italian_Studies/dweb/dweb.shtml

Dues News

If you have not yet paid your annual dues ($5 regular member/$15 sustaining member), please send your check or money order (Canadian members: US funds, please), together with your name and mailing address, to the Editor. We've provided our usual convenient form, which enables you to pay for one year ($5) or two ($10).

Also, please remember to check your address label for the expiration date of your Boccaccio Association membership. We hope this feature will help you keep track of when your dues are due.
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Contributions to the Newsletter

1. Work in progress

2. Announcements

3. Boccaccio bibliography

4. Other

Mail to: Michael Sherberg, Romance Languages and Literatures, Washington University Box 1077, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130-4899.

Nota bene: Christopher Kleinhenz, editor of the Boccaccio Bibliography that appears annually in the Fall Boccaccio Newsletter, would appreciate any information you might have on publications that he could integrate with his own findings.