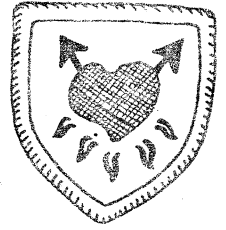


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December Meeting

The first general membership meeting of the American Boccaccio Association will be held during the Modern Language Convention in New York.

Time: 9:30 - 11:30, Dec. 29, 1974
Place: La Loire 3, Americana Hotel

The agenda will include discussion of the provisional constitutions and possible ratification of their amended form for a trial period. Long term projects, such as the setting up of a Boccaccio Studies Center and the eventual publication of a Journal, will be considered. The Business Meeting will be followed by a panel discussion of the general topic, "New Directions in Boccaccio Studies."

While the Association is in a formative stage, prospective members are urged to become involved in the articulation of policy and goals and in the work of the various committees.

Singleton Nominated

Professor Charles S. Singleton of The Johns Hopkins University has been nominated to the post of Honorary President of the American Boccaccio Association, pending the ratification of the nomination by the general membership at the December 29th meeting in New York.

A native of McLoud, Oklahoma, Professor Singleton received his

Ph.D. from the University of California. He also holds several honorary degrees a number of American universities and colleges and from the University of Bologna, Italy.

Recipient of an Exchange Fellowship from International House, and an International Prize for Italian Literature, he has also been decorated Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana. He has been honored most recently at the 1974 World Petrarch Congress in Washington, D.C. as one of six outstanding American *Itali-anisti* awarded Commemorative Medals by the Copernicus Society of America.

Professor Singleton is most widely known for his contributions to Dante studies, which include numerous essays and his recent translation/commentary of the *Divine Comedy*. In connection with the Humanities Center at The Johns Hopkins University, of which he is Chairman, he has edited *Art, Science and History in the Renaissance*.

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The current newsletter of the American Boccaccio Association is a double issue (SUMMER-AUTUMN) to allow for publication of the Provisional Constitutions and By-laws submitted for consideration of the prospective membership. Readers are invited to fill out the questionnaire and mail it to the Editor at the indicated address.

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Singleton . . . (cont'd)

He has also collaborated on *Illuminated Manuscripts of the Divine Comedy* and the Toynbee *Dante Dictionary*.

His Boccaccio scholarship is represented by a critical edition of the *Decameron* and, more recently, by his publication of *Hamil-ton 90*, the unique holograph copy of the *Decameron*, in diplomatic transcription. He notes that he is "prouder of the latter."

Asked for a statement of his expectations of the newly emerging American Boccaccio Association, he indicated a strong wish that members "get our heads together and decide what the Association should accomplish." "If I am fortunate enough to attend," Professor Singleton concluded, "I shall certainly have some very positive ideas to express."

Bibliography

A Boccaccio Bibliography for the period 1938-1974 is currently being prepared under the general direction of Professor Enzo Espo-sito of the University of Rome and will include editions and translations of the works of Boccaccio as well as critical studies (books, articles, and reviews). The American (North, Central, and South) section has been entrusted to Professors Christopher Kleinhenz and Charles Szabo of the University of Wisconsin (Madison), who, in the interest of completeness, kindly request that those scholars whose work has appeared in lesser known or relatively inaccessible periodicals send offprints or pertinent bibliographical information (date and pagination, please!) to Prof. Kleinhenz, Department of French and Italian, Van Hise Hall 618, The University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

COMING

A Norton Critical Edition of Boccaccio's *Decameron*, edited by Professors Mark Musa and Peter E. Bondanella, is in preparation and should be completed in time for the sixth centenary commemorations of Boccaccio's death. The edition will include a completely new translation of the major *novelle* (including the frame, introductions, and prologue) as well as a selection of major critical statements on Boccaccio's work.

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The first annual Mercy College "World of Boccaccio" Colloquium will be held on Saturday, November 9, 1974 from 9:30-2:30 P.M. After a morning session of papers by visiting scholars, luncheon will be served and the key-note address of the conference delivered by Dr. Aldo Bernardo, distinguished President of Verrazzano College.

Those wishing to attend should pre-register by sending their name and a check (made to the order of Mercy College) for \$6.50 to:

Prof. Thomas E. Vesce, Director
Boccaccio Colloquium
Mercy College
Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. 10546

BEFORE NOVEMBER 5TH

BOCCACCIO, the official newsletter of the American Boccaccio Association, is published four times a year: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and is sent free to members. The cost of an annual subscription to non-members is \$2.00.

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Glen Cove, New York 11542

7. Nomination to honorary positions is made at the discretion of the Executive Committee and should be submitted to the general membership for approval. Such nomination should be made rarely and only of scholars of outstanding achievement

VI. Committees.

1. Since the Nominating Committee is not a standing committee, it is not open to the ex-officio membership of the Executive Committee. A Nominating Committee of seven members shall be elected from the general membership at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall elect their own chairman and determine their own organization.

2. The Program Committee shall consist of from five to ten members selected by the Executive Committee. The function of this committee shall be to research, organize, and carry out activities in keeping with the purposes of the Association, and to make arrangements for the annual meeting.

3. A Membership Committee consisting of three members will assume responsibility for building up the membership of the Association; and preparing an annual directory of members to be submitted to the Executive Secretary no later than sixty days before the annual meeting. This Committee is to be appointed by the President.

4. A Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws will be appointed by the Executive Committee to study the Provisional Constitutions, poll the membership, and otherwise work toward a permanent form for Constitutions and By-Laws of the Association. This Committee will also decide, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, the amount of the annual dues.

VII. Meetings. Under the Provisional Constitutions and By-Laws the annual meeting for the general membership will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association at a time and place to be determined by the Program Committee. This meet-

ing will be preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee, with time and place to be determined by mutual agreement.

VIII. Dues. To meet mailing and publication expenses, initial dues shall be two members, payable upon application for membership. The payment of dues entitles members to all the rights and privileges of membership and includes subscription to the newsletter. Members in good standing may vote, serve on committees, contribute to the newsletter and other publications and participate in the formation of policy. For the first three years only *Charter Members* may hold office. *Honorary Members* do not enjoy the right to vote or to chair committees, although they may serve on them.

IX. Ratification of the Provisional Constitutions shall be by two-thirds majority of the general membership. Amendments to the Provisional Constitutions, once ratified, shall be submitted to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws.

BY-LAWS

1. Membership Lists. Copies of the membership lists, updated after the general membership meeting each year, will be given to the members of the Executive Committee. No one may use the membership lists, except for the normal uses of the Association, without express permission from a majority of the Executive Committee.

2. Filing of Records and Documents. Originals of Association documents and records are to be kept in the Home Base safe. Copies of these documents will be kept by the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer. It is the responsibility of the Executive Secretary to see to it that originals and copies of the originals are sent to the Home Base and to the Treasurer. The latter is responsible for all financial records and pertinent documents.

I. Name. The name of this Association shall be: THE AMERICAN BOCCACCIO ASSOCIATION.

II. Purpose. The purposes of the Association shall be: the encouragement of Boccaccio studies among American scholars, regardless of their particular disciplines; the establishment of a permanent Boccaccio Studies Center; the hosting of an annual Boccaccio Studies Forum; the publication of a newsletter as a clearing-house of information and communication for Boccaccisti; the sponsoring of a Journal of Boccaccio scholarship, consisting of studies, abstracts, and reviews.

III. Membership. Any person may become a member of the Association on payment of the dues determined by the Executive Committee. *Charter Members* are those who joined the Association within the first year since its inception, that is, before April 10, 1975. *Honorary Members* may be elected from among non-resident foreign scholars and benefactors of the Association by the Executive Committee.

IV. Organization. Under the Provisional Constitutions of the Association, the governing body shall be the Executive Committee consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, and Executive Secretary, and a Treasurer.

V. Officers: Election, Term of Office, Duties.

1. The President of the Association shall be elected by the general membership from a slate of candidates prepared by a Nominating Committee of three members, for a term of office of one year. The President will preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the General Membership. The President is also an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

2. The Vice Presidents shall be

elected in the same manner as the President and will serve for one year. In the absence of the President, his duties shall be assumed in order by the First Vice President and the Second Vice President. Both Vice Presidents are also ex-officio members of all standing committees. The Vice Presidents also automatically become candidates for the presidency of the Association at the expiration of the President's term; that is, the First Vice President becomes a candidate after the first year, the Second Vice President becomes a candidate (whether or not he has held office in the interim) after the second year.

3. The Executive Secretary is appointed by the President and the two Vice Presidents for a term of not less than two years and for as long a period thereafter as the Executive Committee shall determine. The Executive Secretary shall act as secretary of the Executive Committee and of the General Membership meetings and shall be Editor of the Association newsletter. The Executive Secretary is also an ex-officio member on all standing committees.

4. The Treasurer is appointed by the President and the two Vice Presidents for a term to be established by the Executive Committee. Under the supervision of the Executive Committee the Treasurer will handle all business arrangements, collect dues, bill the membership, and budget Association expenses.

5. Editorial and clerical assistance shall be provided to the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

6. When an elected official leaves office before the expiration of the term of office, the Executive Committee shall provide a replacement for the duration of the term. Appointed officials may be replaced whoever appointed them if they leave office.

3. Mailing and Communications. The mailing address through which members may communicate with the Association will be that of the Executive Secretary.

4. Home Base. The Home Base of the Association is the repository of Association documents, records, and other items of Boccacciana of

scholarly interest. Until and unless the general membership determines otherwise, the Home Base of the American Boccaccio Association will be Verrazzano College, Saratoga Springs, New York. The Treasurer is the custodian of the Home Base files and safe unless otherwise designated by the Executive Committee.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Name.....

Address.....

Area of Special Interest.....

Do you wish to be considered a Charter Member?

Are you interested in serving on a committee?

If so, which?

Do you plan to attend the general membership meeting on December 29, 1974?

Please list suggestions for amendments to the Proposed Constitutions and By-Laws below:

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Kindly mail the completed questionnaire to:

Executive Secretary
American Boccaccio Association
7 Sound Beach Drive
Glen Cove, New York 11542