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The regional co-ordinators are responsible for organizing meetings in their respective areas and also for gathering and forwarding material for the ABA Newsletter to the editors.

A FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

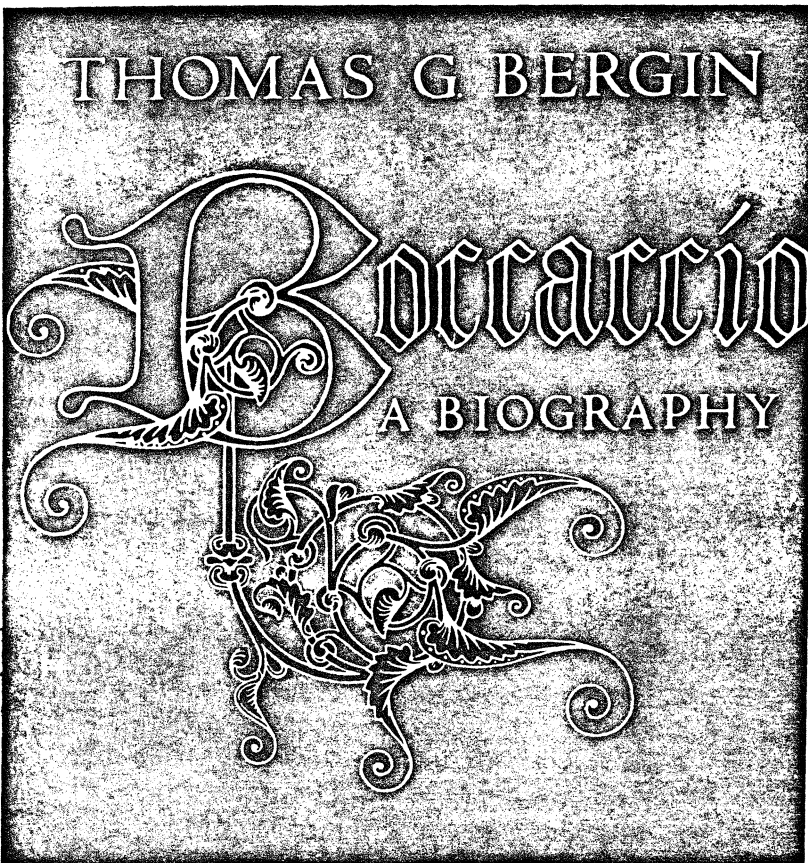
It has been a most rewarding and exhilarating experience to watch and help, though all too modestly, this young association grow and show signs of being able to come of age. We see clear indications that it can and will survive. Enthusiastic participation by interested colleagues from several disciplines has encouraged us to try, at least for once, an ambitious schedule of three sections (the maximum allowed to Affiliated Associations) at the 1981 MLA annual convention. Even so, many colleagues who had offered valuable papers could not be accommodated. It was, I believe, a worthy and valid program, a

You will soon have a new President in whose good hands our Association is bound, I have no doubt, to thrive--I hope for many years to come.

Cordially,

Aldo Scaglione

SPECIAL OFFER TO AMERICAN BOCCACCIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS



Viking Press offers ABA members Thomas Bergin's Boccaccio, NY, 1981, which may be ordered through the ABA by current members at a 50% discount, providing at least ten copies are ordered. Place orders through the ABA as indicated on the form below by March 1st. If we do not receive the minimum of ten orders, your checks will be returned.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 1981 Meeting of the Executive Council of the American Boccaccio Association: The Executive Council of the American Boccaccio Association met on December 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in New York.

Paolo Giordano, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, gave the financial statement for 1981:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1981 Dues</u>
\$36	stamps		\$260
24	printing newsletter		
64.30	Reception		
25	telephone		
<u>149.30</u>			
<u>Balance</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>		
\$303.60*	(does not include \$40 deposited after Dec. 31 that had been withdrawn for ABA reception)		

It was agreed that voting for the new president will be done by mail ballot. The ballot will be mailed to the membership with the spring edition of the Newsletter.

A slate of three candidates was presented to the committee:

1. Prof. Kristopher Kleinhenz, U. of Wisconsin, Madison
2. Prof. Giuseppe Mazzotta, Cornell U.
3. Prof. Elissa Weaver, U. of Chicago

Prof. Kleinhenz's nomination is tentative until he formally accepts the nomination. He will be notified.

The cash-bar was discussed and it was decided that the Association sponsor a reception instead of the cash-bar. The reception is less expensive than the cash-bar and at the same time fosters good will as it allows the Association to offer something special to its membership and guests.

MLA Meetings of the American Boccaccio Association: This year the ABA sponsored three sessions at the annual MLA convention held in New York. They were held in the Province room of the Sheraton Hotel on the afternoon of December 29th. At the beginning of the first session a brief business meeting was held and chaired by President Scaglione. Professor Scaglione announced the cancellation of the cash-bar and invited all who cared to come to a reception which would be held in his room at the Hilton following the three sessions. Professor Scaglione also urged those who had not yet done so to pay their dues. Professor Elissa Weaver announced that Professor Susan Noakes will chair the Boccaccio session at the 1982 meeting of the Midwest M.L.A. to be held in Cincinnati and that those interested in participating should contact her, c/o Dept. of French and Italian, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045.

The Boccaccio sessions and papers were the following:

I. 12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Eugenio Frongia, University of Utah, "The Progression of Intelligence: The Challenge/Response Structure in Boccaccio's Decameron"

Ronald Martínez, University of Minnesota, "Eros and Violence in the Novella of Giacomino da Pavia (Dec V, 5)"

Angela Iovino, Holy Name College: "Boccaccio's Alleged 'crisi spirituale': A Biographical Note"

Madison U. Sowell, Brigham Young University: "Dante in Boccaccio's Decameron"

II. 1:45 - 3 p.m.

Clayton Koelb, University of Chicago: "The Disbelieving Reader in Boccaccio's Theory of Poetry"

Linda Carroll, Tulane University: "Boccaccio and Ruzante"

Mauda Bregoli-Russo, Northwestern University: "Was Boiardo a Reader of Boccaccio?"

III. 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Karl-Ludwig Selig, Columbia University, "Boccaccio's Decameron and the Subversion of Literary Reality"

Giuseppe Mazzotta, Cornell University: "The Heart of Love (Dec IV, 1)"

Franco Fido, Brown University: "Parole, silenzi e cavalli nell'eros del Decameron: La novella dello Zima e altre storie"

Peter Bondanella, Indiana University and Mark Musa, Indiana University: "On Translating the Decameron"

The Activities of the Association ended with a very well-attended reception.

Respectfully,

P. Giordano

BOCCACCIANA

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Translations

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Announcement

At the 1982 Medieval Conference in Kalamazoo, Professor Janet Smarr will chair a section on "Dante in the 14th century." This section will include a paper by Ronald Martinez entitled "Dante as eiron in Decameron VII, 7."

BALLOT

Please vote for one of the following for the office of President of the American Boccaccio Association:

Kristopher Kleinhenz, University of Wisconsin

Giuseppe Mazzotta, Cornell University

Elissa Weaver, University of Chicago

answer by March 1, 1982; mail ballots to:

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