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Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the American Boccaccio Association was called to order at 9:00 p.m. on December 29, 2001 in the Iberville Room of the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, with Michael Sherberg, immediate past president of the Association, presiding.

Prof. Sherberg began by reporting on the Association's finances. According to Eugenio Giusti, secretary-treasurer, the Association had \$557.06 in its checking account as of December 21. Prof. Sherberg then announced that the Univ. of Toronto Press would soon publish Volume I of the *Lectura Boccaccii* series, edited by Elissa Weaver. Toronto is interested in publishing other volumes in the series, and negotiations are ongoing. The membership expressed enthusiasm that the project is moving forward.

Following these announcements, three papers were presented: "Men, Women, and Figurative Language in the *Decameron*," by Marilyn Migiel, Cornell Univ.; "The *Decameron* and Natural Law Theory," by Michael Sherberg, Washington Univ.; and "Plague Tales from the Villa of a Paduan Jurist (Marco Mantua Benavides, 1489-1582)," Victoria Kirkham, Univ. of Pennsylvania. A question-and-answer session followed.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Members Report Activities

Teodolinda Barolini (Columbia Univ.) is working on a project entitled "Notes Toward a Gendered History of Early Italian Literature."

Christopher Nissen (Northern Illinois Univ.) will publish an essay, "The Motif of the Woman in Male Disguise from Boccaccio to Bigolina," in *The Italian Novella*, ed. Gloria Allaire (New York and London: Routledge).

Dues Reminder

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 our secretary-treasurer, Eugenio Giusti. 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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