

# Early Medieval China Group

## Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency Atlanta – Lenox Room

April 5, 2008

### Minutes

[13 members in attendance]

President Alan Berkowitz called the meeting to order. [Text Reading Seesion](#) had taken place Thursday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Early Medieval China Handbook Project.** Al Dien spoke about the status of the Handbook project. At present, there are two possible publishers for the volume: Brill and Early China. Brill would be a more expensive project.

The Handbook has forty entries promised, eleven of which have been submitted to date. A “critical list” of important titles not yet signed for was distributed, and there was a discussion about how to distinguish between what should be included and what might be left out. Buddhist and Taoist titles, for example, were not included on the critical list.

Alan suggested that a wiki be set up for the Handbook project, and Ken agreed to look into it. Keith Knapp, however, emphasized that the most important matter at this point is to get volunteers for the remaining titles.

#### **Self introductions.**

**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report.** The current balance in the EMCG account is \$7,438.42.

**Publisher/Editor’s Report.** Cynthia Chennault reported on a meeting that she, Alan, and Ken Klein had on Friday evening (4/4/08) with Kimberly Martin, Executive Publisher (USA), of Maney Publishing to discuss the possibility of having *Early Medieval China* published by her company. Several other AAS-related journals have also been approached (*Korean Studies*, *Tang*

*Studies, Ming Studies, Journal on East Asian Libraries*) and most seem interested in the offer. Cynthia reported that EMCG has invited Maney to prepare a formal proposal.

Volume 13/14 Part 1 should be ready to be published by the end of summer. If we publish it ourselves, we might do it in a reformatted size, in anticipation of the Maney deal going through.

**Biographical Project.** Alan asked Brill about their interest in publishing an Early Medieval China biographical volume, in addition to the Handbook. Nobody else is doing the biographical work beyond the Three Kingdoms and there is interest in it. Keith suggested finishing the Handbook first.

**Governance Issue.** Keith Knapp was to have chaired the Nomination Committee to prepare for a new set of EMCG officers, but the committee has to have at least two members on the Steering Committee, according to the *By-Laws*.<sup>\*</sup> Alan agreed to appoint a Nominating Committee according to the *By-Laws*.

The meeting was adjourned.

<sup>\*</sup> “Nominating Committee. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of two (2) members which shall be appointed for three years terms by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The nominating committee shall nominate persons to be presented for election to the Board of Directors and this corporation at the next annual meeting. Provided, however, that any member of the Corporation may nominate persons to be presented for election to the Board of Directors or to an office as an officer of this corporation.” (*By-Laws of the Early Medieval China Group, Inc.*, Section 4.01)