

# Early Medieval China Group

## Annual Meeting

Hawaii Convention Center – Room 321A

April 2, 2011, 8:15 pm

### Minutes

Attendees: Bonnie Cheng, Cynthia Chennault, Andrew Chittick, Pokan Chou, Margarita Delgado, Al Dien, Michael Farmer, Dennis Grafflin, Andreas Janousch, Ken Klein, Keith Knapp, Scott Pearce, Mandy Wu

President Keith Knapp called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm, and asked everyone in attendance to introduce him- or herself.

Keith thanked Cynthia Chennault for having completed eleven years as editor of *Early Medieval China*, and welcomed Michael Farmer as the incoming editor. Cynthia handed over the official Early Medieval China Group seal, which she had had carved in Shanghai.

Keith then spoke about the Group's relationship with Maney Publishing, saying that the second volume of both our journal and that of Tang Studies have improved with the second issue, in response to comments Maney received from both organizations following the first issues. Mike reported that there has just recently been a change in managing editors and said that the new one is easy to work with and seems responsive to suggestions and requests. They will soon be making changes to the Maney website to reflect the editorial changes on our end.

Scott Pearce asked members to remember that the Early Medieval China Group holds a text reading session annually, on the Thursday evening of the AAS meeting.

#### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report.**

Balance (3/27/10)	\$5,175.00
Receipts	2,194.27
Expenditures	2,971.93
<b>Balance (4/02/11)</b>	<b>\$4,397.34</b>

To date, we have received membership/subscription payments for 2010 (volume 16) from 72 individuals. This compares to 54 for 2009 (volume 15) and 65 each for volumes 13-14, parts 1

and 2. Part of the reason for the relative increase is that we were publishing multiple issues the last few years, in order to catch up. Now that Maney Publishing is publishing the journal, we can expect to remain on schedule and our calls for membership /subscription payments can be held to once a year.

In response to Cynthia's question as to whether we have received any funds from Maney from institutional subscriptions, Ken replied that we have not and that he is unaware of how many institutional subscribers there are. Mike said that, from his experience as Secretary-Treasurer for Tang Studies, that information should be on the financial statement sent with the invoice. Ken agreed to check to see if the information has been received. (Note: that information was not included.)

### **Elections**

Keith reported that a Nominating Committee, consisting of Andrew Chittick and Sujane Wu had identified a slate of six candidates from which to replace two outgoing members of the Board of Directors, Richard Mather and Victor Xiong. (Board members have responsibilities for helping the editor to review articles for the journal.) After discussion, it was decided that the Committee will narrow the slate of candidates to three, whereupon Keith will email a ballot to all Group members for whom we have email addresses.

### **Guide to Six Dynasties Texts (formerly Six Dynasties Handbook)**

Al Dien announced the change of title for this projected publication and said that the terminal date for submissions to be received is the end of June, after which it will be sent to the press at the University of California, Berkeley.

### **EMCG Incorporation Matters**

With the end of Cynthia's tenure as editor, the question was presented of whether to shift the Group's incorporation from Florida to another state. The Group is also registered in California as a "foreign corporation," for the purpose of being able to maintain a checking account, but is not incorporated there. Keith will explore the possibility of incorporating in North Carolina. Another option would be to continue the Group's current status in Florida. A key issue is how to retain the Group's non-profit status, which is critical both for tax purposes and for the ability to apply for grant support.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.