

Early Medieval China Group

Annual Meeting

Manchester Grand Hyatt – Manchester C

March 22, 2013

Attendees: Ian Chapman, Al Dien, Michael Farmer, Jonathan Felt, Howard Goodman, Ken Klein, Keith Knapp, Zeb Raff, Jie Shi

President Keith Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Ken Klein reported that EMCG's application to renew its federal tax exempt status was approved, effective as of May 9, 2012. The application filing fees totaled \$850.

Total receipts for the previous year came to \$1959.22 and expenditures to \$2496.50, resulting in a balance of \$4851.64, a decrease of \$182.28 over a year ago.

As of the beginning of March, there are seventy (70) current (paid) individual memberships. This compares to 74 at this time last year. Here is a chart showing comparative figures for the past few years, as figured from one EMCG meeting to the next:

	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Opening balance	\$5,175.00	\$4,397.34	\$5,033.92
Total receipts	\$2,167.27	\$2,692.02	\$1,959.22
Total expenditures	\$2,944.93	\$2,055.44	\$2,496.50
Ending balance	\$4,397.34	\$5,033.92	\$4,851.64

Early Medieval China Editor's Report. Michael Farmer reported that *EMC* had gained Tier 1 status in Hong Kong, meaning that publication of articles in the journal will be fully counted towards promotion and tenure decisions in Hong Kong university faculties.

Volume 18 was published in 2012. With new personnel at Maney, the production obstacles that had been a problem in previous issues have been resolved. The content for Volume 19 (2013) is in place, including a substantial article by Charles Holcombe on the history of the Xianbei, additional articles by Joe Cutter and Meow Hui Goh, plus some book reviews. As well, the

content for Volume 20 (2014), which will be devoted to articles on *Shishuo Xinyu*, is also largely set. Beyond that, there are currently no articles in hand, so Volume 21 (2015) and subsequent issues are fully open for submissions.

Maney Publishing sent a proposal to move *Early Medieval China* to a 2 issue / year format, which would involve a minor rise in individual membership / subscription rates, but a major rise (44%) for institutional subscriptions. The likelihood that this would result in subscription cancellations, plus the slowness of content submissions, led to a decision to decline Maney's offer.

Elling Eide Foundation. Keith reported that, following Elling Eide's death, early in 2012, his long-held plans to establish a major library for Chinese studies is being put into effect by the Elling O. Eide Foundation. The library is under construction in Eide's hometown of Sarasota, Florida and is to be based on his own private collection, said to number as much as 160,000 volumes, making it the largest private collection of books on Chinese culture in the world. The Foundation's board, in accordance with Eide's wishes, is exploring ways to accommodate conferences for up to 35 attendees, as well as to offer grants for individual scholars to make use of the collection's resources on site. Eide's primary interest has long been in Tang studies, but he has also been supportive of the Early Medieval China Group as well. The board is reportedly open to suggestions for how they might meet the challenge of opening such a major sinology library and research center.

Executive Board. Keith reported that the most recent additions to the EMCG Board, Scott Pearce and Cynthia Chennault, have put together a slate of three candidates to fill two new vacancies on the Board. Members will be invited to vote for two of the following: Alan Berkowitz, Andrew Chittick, Mandy Wu.

Text reading session. Keith said that it has been increasingly difficult to get volunteers to present texts for the Group's text reading sessions. And, as well, this year there were only seven participants in the Thursday night session. It was agreed that the session would be continued for at least one more year.

Six Dynasties Handbook. Al Dien reported that the Handbook project has been sent to Berkeley's Institute for East Asian Studies for their consideration. All of the articles have largely been completed, with only editorial changes to be completed. The question was raised as to whether contributors will receive a copy.

Al Dien's comments. Al asked that, for the upcoming *EMC* volume on the *Shishuo Xinyu*, someone should correct the chronically mis-translated title. Mike promptly recruited Al to write a research note for the volume on that point.

Al commended Keith for his leadership in faithfully contributing content to the Group's listserv; his archaeological notices, as well as other postings.

Keith adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.