

Early Medieval China Group

Annual Meeting

Philadelphia Marriot Downtown – Ballroom Salon III

March 27, 2010

7:15 pm

Minutes

Attendees: Alan Berkowitz, Andrew Chittick, Michael Churchman, Al Dien, Michael Farmer, Howard Goodman, Dennis Grafflin, Ken Klein, Keith Knapp, Jonathan Skaff, Mandy Wu, Sujane Wu

President Alan Berkowitz called the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Ken Klein reported that, with the publication of *Early Medieval China* being assumed by Maney Publishing, we can expect that membership / subscription renewals will be regularized this year. The financial report for the year since the last annual meeting is as follows:

Beginning balance (3/28/09)	\$3,353.95
Receipts	\$5,820.69
Expenditures	\$3,999.64
Balance (3/19/10)	\$5,175.00

The minutes from the 2009 meeting were approved.

Self introductions, including research interests

Publisher/Editor's Report. In the absence of the *Early Medieval China* editor, Alan spoke about recently published *EMC* volume 15, the first issued under the new arrangement with Maney Publishing. Maney now handles all details of publishing, as well as institutional subscriptions. Members were invited to offer their comments on the new format, both positive and negative. Alan pointed out the small-sized font of characters used footnotes as one problem, and mentioned as well the starkness of the white pages.

President's Report. Alan announced that, with the end of this meeting, he was resigning as President of the Early Medieval China Group and Keith Knapp would henceforth assume the

leadership. Alan called for nominations membership on the Board to be sent in. He then opened a bottle of 106-proof Chinese wine to toast the change in leadership.

Miscellaneous announcements.

- The Group is still able to sponsor AAS panels and members are encouraged to do so.
- Ken is updating the Western bibliography for inclusion in *EMC* volume 16.
- Members were reminded to make use of the group's listserv emedch-l@usc.edu. To subscribe, a message should be addressed to listproc@usc.edu. Nothing should be written in the subject line. In the body of the message, the following should be written: "subscribe emedch-l <email address> <name>"
- Members' attention was called to the recent biographical works developed by Michael Loewe (*A Biographical Dictionary of the Qin, Former Han and Xin periods, 221 BC - AD 24*. Brill, 2000) and Rafe de Crespigny (*A Biographical Dictionary of Later Han to the Three Kingdoms (23-220 AD)*. Brill, 2007)

Six Dynasties Handbook Project. Al Dien spoke about the status of the Handbook project. At the time of the meeting, fifty entries had been received and fifty others were outstanding. The editors have made Labor Day 2010 (September 6th) the deadline for submissions to be sent in (June 1st for those who had already committed to that date. The publishers of the Loewe volume are interested in publishing the volume and have given a letter of intent. Keith stressed the importance of the Handbook project and urged that the emedch-l listserv be more commonly used for communication about events and publications over the course of the year in between face-to-face meetings.

Al mentioned a couple of other projects that should be pursued. Michael Oxenberg suggested that a series of "state of the field" reports, written on specific areas (archaeology, religion, etc.), be included in *EMC*. Wendy Schwartz and Robert Campany are working to develop a sourcebook on early medieval China.

Alan reported that the [Text Reading Session](#) had taken place Thursday evening, March 25th, with twenty to thirty people in attendance. Anyone interested in being a presenter of a text next year is encouraged to contact Keith for inclusion in the program.

The meeting was adjourned.