Early Medieval China Group

Annual Meeting

Copley Place Marriot, Boston – Nantucket

March 25, 2007

Minutes

Attendees: Alan Berkowitz, Cynthia Chennault, Andrew Chittick, Al Dien, Andrew Eisenberg, David Graff, Dennis Grafflin, Lily Hwa, Tao Jiang, Ken Klein, Keith Knapp, Xurong Kong, Pauline Lin, Scott Pearce, Frederick Peterson, Gil Raz, Curtis Smith, Ping Wang, Dorothy Wong, Sujane Wu

President Alan Berkowitz called the meeting to order and called for self introductions. He reported on the success of the Text Reading Seesion.

Treasurer's Report. The current balance in the EMCG account stands at $7,482.82.

Publisher/Editor's report. Cynthia Chennault reported that the articles for the upcoming volume 12 have been received, and the volume should be ready by June. There will be five articles: on letter-writing, the *Shi shuo xin yu* in Korean, Baiyunyin Buddhist parables, the last emperor of the Chen dynasty, the significance of Wu Zetian's reign titles, and book reviews.

After this volume, there will be a two-volume set dedicated to Al Dien.

Currently, the cost per volume is $12 for printing and $2 for mailing.

Alan suggested that we take out an advertisement in the *AAS Newsletter*.

EMCG Board. Keith Knapp is to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Early Medieval China Group Board. Cynthia suggested that we should perhaps first replace those on the Board who have not attended in three or so years.

Publication projects.

Curtis Smith is editing the *Dictionary of Literary Biography* for Tang Studies and wants to include a volume on pre-Tang Chinese writers. He needs additional material, with length for

each entry between 3000 and 5000 words. He has a list of openings. The project is on a short schedule, so it is in danger of going online instead.

Six Dynasties Sources Handbook is being initiated by Al Dien and will be edited by Al, Cynthia Chennault, Keith Knapp, and Alan Berkowitz. The *Handbook* will be modeled on Loewe's Han sourcebook. Al distributed several provisional pieces: an introduction, a sample article (on *Yan Shi jia xun*), a short list of possible inclusions. The volume will aim at including about sixty-four entries (the number in the Loewe volume). Entries will be signed. The project is open for contributors, but the schedule will be strictly enforced. The aim is for publication within a couple of years. Entries should be sent to either Al or Keith.

Tomb database. Ken Klein introduced an online version of Al Dien's Six Dynasties tomb database, for which Al has been spent 10-15 years compiling data on close to 1800 tombs. Al had offered to make the database available to anyone who could migrate it to a newer platform and make it available for others to use. Ken engaged a computer software class at USC to develop a web-based version of the database. The result does not yet do everything that Al's original database does, but there is room for further development.   The Tomb database can be accessed at http://www.earlymedievalchinagroup.org/tombs

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