

Early Medieval China Group

Summary of Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
Washington Hilton and Towers
Washington, D.C.
April 8, 1995

The annual meeting of the Early Medieval China Group was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dennis Grafflin, president, with twelve members present.

The secretary-treasurer reported a current treasury-balance of \$1025.82 with no outstanding debts.

In the absence of a new slate of officers, the Nominating Committee (Chennault, Berkowitz) recommended that present officers continue to serve until a slate can be proposed and circulated to the membership. The present Nominating Committee will continue until a new slate of officers is elected. It was suggested that the secretary circulate the slate to the membership for action.

The Constitution Committee (Chennault, Berkowitz) reported no action to date.

The president presented a brief history of the EMCG, noting the presidential lineage of John Marney, Albert Dien, Dennis Grafflin. He announced that the organization would continue to seek funding in an effort to define its functions and activities.

Victor Xiong reported on the status of the new journal, which continues to face problems of funding and copyright. The Medieval Institute of Western Michigan University, *Early Medieval China's* academic sponsor, will temporarily hold the copyright. Subscription moneys and distribution of the journal will be handled by the departmental secretary of the university's history department. Xiong exhibited a copy of the first issue, which he planned to distribute shortly. He proposed a transfer of funds from the EMCG treasury to his administrative offices upon request. EMC (Bush proposing; Chennault seconding) agreed to his proposal for the transfer of approximately \$800 upon request. Xiong also presented a cost analysis for printing, a total of app. \$1500 per issue. Cost of printing black and white illustrations to articles will be \$6.00 per page more. Line drawings, however, can be printed at no extra charge.

The deaths of John Marney, founder of EMC, and of Michel Strickmann were announced. Obituaries will be solicited for publication in the journal.

Berkowitz noted that the first issue of EMC contained no "Newsletter activities." Xiong replied that the EMC Newsletter and its journal will be merged in the second issue, which will include communications, notices of activities, news of the field, etc. Because the Newsletter had been distributed in 1994, the information was not repeated in the first issue of the journal. Membership list is to be included in the journal.

Berkowitz requested information about the process of ms. submission to the journal and jurying. Xiong replied that he sends the two copies of all manuscripts submitted to reviewers. Final decision to accept or reject remains with Xiong, who decides on the basis of reviewer comments and recommendations. He will solicit more manuscripts for the third issue.

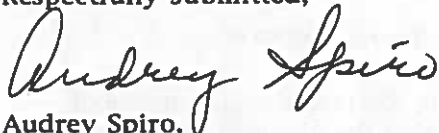
Xiong announced that the Medieval Institute of Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo has conference facilities available. He proposed it as a site for a future conference comprising some 3-4 panels. Grafflin thereupon initiated a discussion of conference funding, noting that granting organizations prefer to focus on single-issue conferences, in contrast to the more broadly-gauged conferences usually preferred by Nanbeichao scholars. General discussion of funding sources ensued, with emphasis on ACLS as a potential source.

Spiro reported on a proposal by a member of the Tang Society that its journal expand to include papers dealing with Nanbeichao and Song periods. In his reply, the president (Eiling Eide) took note of EMC's new journal and suggested that the proposed change was therefore unnecessary. Spiro queried the possibility of occasional joint issues of *Early medieval China* and *T'ang Studies*.

Chennault announced a planned Six-Dynasties' conference to be held in Nanjing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Audrey Spiro,
Secretary-Treasurer