

Minutes of the International Gower Society Meeting  
May 10, 2007, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Call to Order: 9:05pm

1. President Bob Yeager extends multiple greetings.
2. Secretary makes appeal for Gower papers/sessions at SEMA 2008, October 4-6.  
E-mail: [grinnells@wofford.edu](mailto:grinnells@wofford.edu) for more information.
3. Election of graduate student representatives: Nominated and elected by acclamation: David Roberts of Ohio State University [d.roberts1066@verizon.net] and Conrad Van Dijk, the latter of the University of Western Ontario [cvandyk2@uwo.ca].
3. Sessions for Kalamazoo 2008: “Reading Gower Aloud” was one of the top two vote-getters, but because it was already proposed as an independent session by Joyce Coleman of the University of Oklahoma [joyce.coleman@osu.edu]. The two sessions of papers sponsored by the Society in 2008 will be: “Gower and the Arts” and “Gower and London.”
4. Discussion then centered around possible topics or areas for panels and/or paper sessions at the upcoming international congress in London, “1408-2008: The Age of Gower” [July 13-16, 2008], at Queen Mary and Westfield College of the University of London. (For Congress details, see the website##### BRIAN: CAN YOU FILL IN HERE WHERE THEY ARE TO LOOK FOR CONGRESS DETAILS?) Topics suggested by the membership were as follows:
  - “Gower’s Daughters”
  - “Philosophical Gower”
  - “Gower and London”
  - “Post-Colonial Gower”
  - “Post-Renaissance Receptions of Gower”
  - “Gower in Print”
  - “Techno-Gower”
  - “Gower and the Classics”
  - “Nautical Gower”
  - “Queer Gower”
  - “Gower and Kingship”
  - “Maternal Gower”
  - “Green Gower”
  - “Gower and the Law”
  - “Gower and Propaganda”
  - “Gower and History”

Society members should feel free to send in proposals addressing any of these. Proposals to organize sessions around these topics are also welcome. IT IS TO BE NOTED HOWEVER THAT THESE ARE SUGGESTIONS ONLY. MEMBERS WITH OTHER SUGGESTIONS, OR PROSPECTIVE PAPERS ON OTHER TOPICS, SHOULD NOT BE DAUNTED, BUT RATHER SEND THEM IN TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:  
rfyeager@hotmail.com.

5. Brian Gastle of Western Carolina University [bgastle@wcu.edu] and Society webmaster, gave a demonstration of the Gower website. He urged more content be submitted from the membership, including pedagogical aids, such as lesson plans and /or audio files. Mark Allen of the University of Texas-San Antonio [Mark.Allen@utsa.edu] demonstrated the on-line Gower Bibliography, along with the New Chaucer Society on-line bibliography.
6. A “spirited discussion” ensued about the nature of the abstracts on the site, with many members expressing their concern that since the bibliography was reprinting reviews from the John Gower Newsletter, the term “abstracts” was misleading, and ought to be changed to “reviews.” This change was approved by unanimous vote, and “Reviews” will replace “Abstracts” in the bibliography. The President and the webmaster agreed to investigate setting up a Society listserve, so that members could carry on the debate further, with a report at the next business meeting.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Natalie Grinnell, Secretary