

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As my term comes to an end, I'd like to thank members of the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship for their participation during the past two years. It was a great pleasure to meet so many of you at Kalamazoo in '94 and '95 and to have opportunities for other informal interactions as well. This year, SMFS continued in the tradition of sponsoring sessions that attracted excellent participants and large, thoughtful audiences, and we hope you will find next year's sessions equally interesting and valuable. SMFS also looked in some new directions this year. We proposed, for instance, to co-sponsor a future session at Kalamazoo with the Society for the Study of Homosexuality in the Middle Ages. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, moreover, we discussed the absence of childcare at Kalamazoo and circulated a petition asking the Medieval Institute to consider the great need in this area. We urge members, even those who signed the petition, to write individual letters to the Director and to encourage colleagues who are not members of SMFS to do so as well.

I would also like to thank all the members of the *MFN* Advisory Board who have generously shared their time and advice over the past couple of years. In the future, there will be regular vacancies on the Board. Several members have previously expressed an interest in this work, and I trust you will remind the Nominating Committee of that interest when you are ready to be considered. This year we need to elect five positions on the Board; nominations are in, so please vote on the ballot included in this newsletter. Your votes, your voices at the annual meeting, and your continued support of SMFS are important.

*With appreciation,
Elaine Tuttle Hansen*