

The Society's Affiliation with RMMLA

The Owen Barfield Society is an affiliate organization of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (RMMLA).

History of RMMLA's connection with Barfield scholarship: Beginning in 1998, RMMLA's annual conventions have included a session on Owen Barfield. RMMLA's Barfield sessions were initiated by the late Professor Raymond Tripp and scholars who had studied with him at the University of Denver. For many years these Barfield sessions have been the only regular venue for Barfield scholarship in the world. In 2002, the Web master of the Owen Barfield World Wide Web Site, Dr. David Lavery, introduced the idea of forming an Owen Barfield Society which could be an affiliate organization of RMMLA. This idea became a reality in 2007, when the Society was granted affiliate status with the RMMLA and held its inaugural meeting.

What being an affiliate of RMMLA involves for the Owen Barfield Society: Each RMMLA convention includes both an Owen Barfield session and a meeting of the Owen Barfield Society. The meetings of the Owen Barfield Society provide an informal, collegial forum for presenting members' research as well as for conducting Society business. Logistic matters, such as scheduling and room assignments for the Society's meetings, are handled by the capable staff of RMMLA, and these meetings are listed in the RMMLA convention program. The content of each meeting of the Owen Barfield Society is organized by the meeting's chair. Reports of the Society's meetings are posted on the Owen Barfield Society Web Site.

RMMLA's Bylaws specify that all participants in its conventions must be paid-up members of RMMLA and must also have paid the RMMLA convention fee. This requirement applies to the chairs and presenters at meetings of the Owen Barfield Society. "Individuals in affiliate organizations who participate in the convention must become dues-paying members of the Association (thus receiving all privileges of membership as described in Section B.4., above) and must pay all applicable convention registration fees." (RMMLA Bylaw C.2.c.)

A wealth of information concerning RMMLA, including information about its future conventions, can be found at rmmla.wsu.edu.