



Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



Pre-Congress (ICMS) Business Meeting on Saturday, 1 May 2021
5:00–6:45 pm EDT (with Pause at about 45 minutes) via Zoom

Agenda

See also the **Agenda Report**

I. People

Our organization is powered by volunteers. Help Wanted, with Thanks.

— Funds, Pro-Bono Contributions, and Donations in Kind are welcomed. (See the **Agenda Report**.)

II. Running our Nonprofit Educational Corporation (Management & General), with low overheads (see *Item I*).

Organizational Functions: Co-ordinating activities & operations; fulfilling Office tasks, Accounting, Filings, etc.

— e.g. Annual Reports to IRS and State of NJ (under Nonprofit Organizations & also Regular Corporations)

III. Funding

Fund-Raising: Events, Mailings, and Online

via our website (PayPal) and Fundraisers by MightyCause (Giving Tuesday), FaceBook (Birthday Fundraisers), etc.

Responses to our Appeals (Annual, etc.), Donations for Specific Events or Purposes, Endowment, etc.

Contributions newly “in Honor of Giles Constable” (1929–2021), our Honorary Trustee — Advice for their purposes?

IV. Program Activities (see also *Item VI*)

Symposia, Conferences, Workshops, Masterclasses, Etc. — Online / Hybrid / In Person

2020 Spring Symposium (cancelled) & Booklet (published); 2021 ICMS (rescheduled virtually from 2020)

Future Events: Some in view. Others? Hosts, Subjects, Organization, Presentations Wanted.

Choice for 2022 ICMS (9–14 May, to be all virtual). Sessions to propose and sponsor or co-sponsor?

E.g. Return to our series on ‘Medieval Writing Materials’ (2011–2014), say at ICMS or elsewhere?

Publications

WordPress **Website** in upgrade & redesign (April 2021–): <https://manuscriptevidence.org/wpme> (with SSL)

— Feedback, Suggestions & Advice Welcome.

Blogs for **Manuscript Studies** & **ICMS Activities** — Editors & Contributors Wanted.

Galleries: *Watermarks & the History of Paper* (2020–), Digital Facsimiles (IIIF in view), etc. Additions, please.

Printed & Printable: **Posters**, Event & Report **Booklets**, **Illustrated Catalogue**, **Drafts for Comment**, Etc.

— also RGME Business Cards and institutional affiliation for Independent Scholars, et al.

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— For info: Compatibilities between current PUA (“Private Use Area”) codepoints *versus* MUFI-compliance?

Mailing List (anew, say via MailChimp again?), Newsletter/eNewsletter (e.g. **ShelfMarks** revisited?), etc.

V. Archives: **RGME Library** of Original Materials, Books, Papers, Correspondence, Photographs, Ephemera, etc.

— partly Digitized. Help Wanted with assembling, processing, and cataloguing. Also, a Future Home?

VI. Projects (see also *Items IV–V*): New, Ongoing & More?

Video Lectures, Interviews, Classes, Webinars, etc.: More in view. Subjects, Hosting, Tech Support invited.

— Offers include “Manuscript Photography”, “MSS in the Classroom”, “Introduction to Early Cookbooks”, etc.

VII. Business Arising & Further Discussion

VIII. Date for next Meeting? ICMS and/or otherwise?