



# Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



56th International Congress on Medieval Studies on Thursday, 13 May 2021  
12:00–1:00 pm EDT via Zoom

All are welcome, including newcomers

## Agenda Report

1. Welcome and Thank You. Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Associates, Trustees, Donors, Contributors.
2. Activities for 2020, 2021 & Beyond: ‘The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence’
  - now 22 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 32 years as an international scholarly organization
  - A. Annual Appeal & Beyond: Mail and online via our website, MightCause, FaceBook, Birthday Fundraisers, etc.
    - **Donations** in Funds (online options) and in Kind (materials, time, expertise, etc.)
  - B. Events & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, and contributors
    - with WebPages, Posters, Abstracts (online/print), Program & Symposium Booklets, Reports, etc.
    - ICMS Sessions, sponsored (1993–) & co-sponsored (2006–): Cancelled in 2020; 6 Sessions in 2021; 2022?
    - Symposia at Princeton University and elsewhere: Cancelled or postponed in 2020; future plans?
    - Masterclasses & Guided Tours: Symposium 2020 (as above) and other occasions
    - Business Meetings: Annually at ICMS (not 2020); also elsewhere, including online (2021 etc.)
  - C. Upgrades, Launches, and Publications (almost all are free, according with our nonprofit mission)
    - Upgraded RGME website (via WordPress 2014–), newly updated (in progress in 2021); editors wanted.
    - Our multilingual digital font **Bembino** (2011–) now in **Version 1.6** (2019), with updated Booklet
      - Version 1.7 or 2.1 in view. Requests for more languages and corrections? Consultations sought.
    - Research **Booklets & Interviews**. More in place, more to come. Help & advice wanted.
    - **ShelfMarks: The RGMEnewsletter** in email & printed versions. Resuming?
    - Distribution of the **Illustrated Catalogue** by the RGME (2016–) with a supplemented donation.
    - Reports as Affiliate (2016–) of CARA (Committee on Centers and Regional Associations) of the MAA.
    - Our **Photo Galleries** (2014–) and blog on **Manuscript Studies** (2015–) advance, even in lockdown.
  - D. RGME library & archives: Donations (1990–) continue to flow, with books, ephemera, original materials, etc.
    - Help wanted with cataloging, conserving, digitizing, etc. Also, a Forever Home?
  - E. Institutional Affiliation for ‘Independent Scholars’. Welcome home. Part of our mission.
3. Plans for Future Activities: *For Suggestions, Discussion & Choices*
  - A. More Activities, Rescheduled Activities, and New Formats. Dates, Places & Subjects? Support?
  - B. 2022 ICMS? Suggestions for Sessions (sponsored & co-sponsored), plus Business Meeting, but not Reception
    - Subjects, Organizers, Participants, Calls for Papers, Program Presentation, “Contact Person”, etc.
  - C. Other Venues & Subjects: What, When, Where?
    - Conferences and Hosts for RGME Symposia, Workshops, Seminars, Masterclasses, Exhibitions, etc.
  - D. Methods & Coordination for Virtual Meetings: Hosts, occasions, and support (also tech support) wanted.
  - E. Volunteers, Staff, Officers: Help Wanted, Intern(s) included.
    - Fund-Raising, Accounting, Designing, Producing, Distributing, etc.
    - Organizational, Editorial, Archival, Technical, Authorial, etc.
4. Activities for 2021 & Beyond: *Contributions Wanted*
  - A. Our WordPress website: blog posts, photo galleries, editing, writing, archiving, admin, support
  - B. RGME Facebook Page, LinkedIn Group & More: posts, contributions, comments, moderation
  - C. RGME-newsletter **ShelfMarks**: contributions, news, reviews, editing, proof-reading, layout, etc.
  - D. Circulars for news & activities: updating address lists, preparing & issuing circulars, fund-raising
  - E. Research, Conservation, Photography
  - F. Publications: Book(let)s, Papers from Sessions, Online Facsimiles (IIF), etc. Other publishers too?
  - G. Promotion and Recruiting: Event Hosts, Organizers, Speakers, Panelists, Editors, Bloggers, et al.
5. Business Arising: Other Desiderata (researching, digitizing our archives, improving internet presence, etc.)
6. Adjournment, with Suggestions about Date & Venue for Next Business Meeting