



# Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



**Pre-Congress (Pre-ICMS) Business Meeting** on Saturday, 30 April 2021  
2:00–3:30 pm EDT (with Pause at about 45 minutes) via Zoom

All are welcome, including newcomers

## Business Meeting Report

See also the **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Thank You. Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Associates, Trustees, Donors, Contributors.
2. **Activities** for 2021, 2022 & Beyond: ‘The Research Group on Manuscript [*and Other*] Evidence’
  - now 23 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 33 years as an international scholarly organization
  - A. Annual **Appeals** & Beyond: Mail / online via our website, MightyCause, FaceBook, Birthday Fundraisers, etc.
    - **Donations in Funds** (with online options) and **in Kind** (materials, equipment, time, expertise, etc.)
  - B. **Events** & Conference Sessions, with thanks to our hosts, sponsors, organizers, contributors, and participants
    - with WebPages, Posters, Abstracts (online/print), Program & Symposium Booklets, Reports, Zoom, etc.
    - **ICMS Sessions**, sponsored (1993–) & co-sponsored (2006–): 6 Sessions in 2021; 4 in 2022; 2023?
    - **Symposia**: Cancelled onsite in March 2020; resumed online in 2022 (Spring & Autumn); future plans?
    - **Masterclasses & Guided Tours**: Symposium 2020 (as above) and other occasions
    - **“The Research Group Speaks”**: Online series of webinars, roundtables, interviews, lectures, etc. (2021–)
    - **Business Meetings**: Annually at ICMS; also elsewhere, including online Pre-Congress Meetings (2021–)
  - C. **Publications**, print & digital. Most are free, according with our nonprofit mission; **Donations** help.
    - **RGME Website** (via WordPress 2014–), updated (2021–), and awaiting redesign; editors/advisers wanted.
    - **Bembino**, our multilingual digital font (2011–) now in **Version 1.6** (2019), with updated Booklet
      - Version 1.7 or 2.1 in view, depending on approach (See **Agenda**). Consultations sought.
    - Our **Photo Galleries** (2014–) and blog on **Manuscript Studies** (2015–) advance, even in lockdown.
    - Research **Booklets & Interviews** (online and hardcopy). More in place, more to come. Help wanted.
    - **Recordings** of our online Events (Episodes, Symposia, etc.). Editing, processing, hosting, promoting?
    - **ShelfMarks: The RGMEnewsletter** in email & printed versions. A next issue is underway.
      - Notices, reviews, brief feature articles, etc. Mailing list and email distribution need revising.
    - Our new **Editorial Committee** (2022) advises on publication of proceedings, printing, distribution, etc.
  - D. **RGME Library & Archives**: Donations (1990–) continue, 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. Activities, online and, when feasible, onsite. Dates, Places & Subjects? Support? Anniversary Year in 2024 . . .
  - B. 2023 ICMS (hybrid). Suggestions for Sessions (sponsored & co-sponsored); Reception again onsite?
    - Subjects, Organizers, Participants, Calls for Papers, Program Selection, “Contact Person”, Tech Support, 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. Also, “Back Up” List for last-minute changes.
    - Fund-Raising, Accounting, Designing, Producing, Distributing, etc.
    - Organizational, Editorial, Authorial, Archival, Technical, Creative, etc.
4. Activities for 2022 & Beyond: *Contributions Wanted*
  - A. Our WordPress website: redesign; blog posts, photo galleries, editing, writing, archiving, admin, support
  - B. RGME Facebook Page, LinkedIn Group & More (say, Twitter?): posts, contributions, comments, moderation
  - C. RGME-newsletter **ShelfMarks**: short contributions, notices, reviews, editing, proof-reading, layout, etc.
  - D. Circulars for news & activities: updating address lists, preparing & issuing circulars, fund-raising
  - E. Editing recordings of our online events: skills, advice wanted; a donation might subsidize some of the work.
  - F. Research, Conservation, Photography
  - G. Publications: Book(let)s, Papers from Sessions, Online Facsimiles (IIIF), etc. Other publishers, distributors, too?
  - H. Promotion and Recruiting: Event Hosts, Organizers, Speakers, Panelists, Editors, Bloggers, Interns, et al.
5. Other Desiderata. Researching, digitizing our archives, improving internet presence, etc.? Suggestions Welcome.