Business Meeting Report

1. Welcome and Thank You. Our organization is powered by Volunteers, Associates, Trustees, Donors, Contributors.

   — 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?
      • Symposium: 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–)
   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?

3. Plans for Future Activities: For Suggestions, Discussion & Choices
   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.