Pre-Congress Business Meeting on Saturday, 30 April 2022
2:00–3:30 pm EDT (with Pause at about 45 minutes) via Zoom

Agenda

I. People

Our organization is powered by volunteers. Help Wanted, with Thanks.
— Funds, Pro-Bono Contributions, and Donations in Kind are welcomed. (See the Report.)

II. Running our Nonprofit Educational Corporation (Management & General), with low overheads (see Item I). Help.
Organizational Functions: Co-ordinating activities & operations; fulfilling Office tasks, Accounting, Filings, etc.
— e.g. Annual Reports to both IRS and State of NJ (under Nonprofit Organizations & also Regular Corporations)

III. Funding

Fund-Raising: Events, Appeals (Annual, etc.), Mailings, and Online via our website (PayPal) and Fundraisers by MightyCause (Giving Tuesday), FaceBook (Birthday Fundraisers), etc.

Responses to Appeals, Donations for specific Events/Purposes (e.g. Symposia, Zoom subscription), Endowment, etc.
— Contributions “in Honor of Giles Constable” (1929–2021), our Honorary Trustee — Advice for their purposes?

IV. Program Activities, both on-going and new (see also Item VI); some flow from our 2021 Pre-Congress Meeting

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

2020 Spring Symposium (cancelled) & Booklet (published); 2021 ICMS (2020 rescheduled), etc.
— Return in 2022 to our Symposia (× 2), our ICMS series on “Medieval Writing Materials” (2011–2014), etc.

The Research Group Speaks (2021–): Episodes online with lectures, roundtables, webinars, etc. Seven to date.

Future Events: Some in view; Others? Hosts, Subjects, Organization, Presentations Wanted. Also “Back Up”!
— Choices for 2023 ICMS (11–13 May, hybrid). Sessions to propose and sponsor/co-sponsor? Due 1 June.


WordPress Website in upgrade & redesign (April 2021–): https://manuscriptevidence.org/wpme (with SSL)
Blogs for Manuscript Studies & ICMS Activities — Guest Bloggers, Editors & Contributors Wanted.

Printed & Printable: Booklets (Events, Reports, Drafts for Comment), Newsletter, Catalogue, Proceedings(?), etc.
— also RGME Business Cards and Institutional Affiliation for Independent Scholars, Volunteers, et al.

Multi-Lingual Digital Font Bembino (© RGME and free for use): Next Version in view (either 1.7 or 2.1?)
— Next Step: Compatibilities between current PUA (“Private Use Area”) codepoints vs. MUFI-compliance?

Mailing List (anew, say MailChimp?) for News, Newsletter/eNewsletter, Event Registrations, etc.

Videos/Podcasts recording our Episodes, Sessions & other Events (2021–). Tech Support (editing etc.), Hosting?

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): Research, Photography, Conservation, etc. New, Ongoing & More? Interns?

VII. Business Arising & Further Discussion

VIII. Date for next Meeting: 2023 Pre-Congress ICMS? (Congress Business Meeting is 11 May 2022 at 3pm EDT.)