Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence
57th International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS) on Wednesday, 11 May 2022
3:00–4:30 pm EDT via Zoom for Congress Registrants
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.

   — now 23 years as a nonprofit educational corporation & 33 years as an international scholarly organization
   A. Annual Appeal & 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: Canceled 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 RGME newsletter 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, storing, 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 (Twitter, etc.): posts, contributions, comments, moderation
   C. RGME-newsletter ShelfMarks resumed: contributions, news, reviews, editing, proof-reading, layout, etc.
   D. Mailing list 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.