



Business Meeting of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence



Open Business Meeting at the ICMS on Wednesday, 11 May 2022
3:00–4:30 pm EDT via Zoom for Congress Registrants

All are welcome, including newcomers

Agenda

See also the **Report**

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”!

— Episodes & 2022 Autumn Symposium (“Supports for Knowledge) on 15 October. Help wanted.

— Choices for 2023 ICMS (11–13 May, hybrid). Sessions to propose and sponsor/co-sponsor? Due 1 June.

Publications (Traditional & Digital). Feedback, Suggestions, Advice & Help Welcome; New Editorial Committee.

WordPress **Website** in upgrade & redesign (April 2021–): <https://manuscriptevidence.org/wpme> (with SSL)

Blogs for **Manuscript Studies** & **ICMS Activities** — Guest Bloggers, Editors & Contributors Wanted.

Galleries: *Watermarks & the History of Paper* (2020–), Digital Facsimiles (IIF in view), etc. Additions, please.

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.

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— Next Step: Compatibilities between current PUA (“Private Use Area”) codepoints *vs.* MUFI-compliance?

Mailing List (new service needed) for News, **Newsletter/eNewsletter**, **Event Registrations**, etc.

Video Recordings of our Episodes, Sessions, etc. (2021–). Tech support (editing etc.), Hosting (dedicated channel?)

V. Archives: **RGME Library** of Original Materials, Books, Papers, Correspondence, Photographs, Ephemera, etc.

— partly Digitized. Help Wanted with assembling, processing, cataloguing, etc. 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 ICMS?) and Adjournment