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

See also the **Report**

### 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. Organizational Functions

Running our Nonprofit Educational Corporation (Management & General), with low overheads (see **Item I**). Help.

- Co-ordinating activities & operations; fulfilling Office tasks, Accounting, Filings, etc.
- 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

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.

#### V. Publications


- 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 (IIIF 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.

- 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** (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?)

#### VI. 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?

#### VII. Business Arising & Further Discussion

VIII. Date for next Meeting (2023 ICMS?) and Adjournment